



# Connect Group study

## John 20

The empty tomb is one of the most powerful symbols of the Christian faith. In this study we investigate how Jesus' followers responded to the empty tomb and some of His appearances after the resurrection.

Have you heard any stories of modern day resurrections? How do you normally respond to these? Be honest!

## Read John 20

## Reflect

Q1. a. In verses 1-13 we see Mary, Peter, and John's reactions to the empty tomb. Take each in turn and describe how each person responded.  
b. How do you think you would have responded and why?

Q2. Peter had denied Jesus three times, and yet he ran to the tomb when he heard that it was empty. What does this imply?

Q3. The disciples all let Jesus down in His hour of need (see Matthew 26:31) and yet Jesus gives Mary a message for the disciples. What was the message and what exactly was He was trying to communicate do you think?

Q4. One of the 'brothers' that Jesus sent the message to was Thomas. What can we learn from his story in verses 24-28?

## Respond

Q5. Consider the word 'blessed' in verse 29 – what does it mean, and who does Jesus say are blessed? How should this encourage us?

Pray for one another that they'd have the faith to believe in Jesus even when He's difficult to 'see'.

## Key verse(s)

...“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (John 10:29 NIV)