

Apr 5, 2026 “Our Living Hope”

Discussion Questions

John 20:1–18

- 1. When things feel dark, we often look for signs of hope or sources of comfort. Where do you tend to look for hope or relief when life is hard?**
- 2. Mary doesn’t recognize Jesus at first—even when he is close to her. Can you relate to a time when God felt absent, but later you realized he was present?**
- 3. Jesus meets Mary in her grief and simply calls her name: “Mary.” What stands out to you about this moment? What might it mean that Jesus knows and calls us personally?**
- 4. The sermon describes resurrection as the beginning of God making all things right—not just a past event, but a present reality. How does this shape (or challenge) your understanding of hope?**
- 5. Jesus tells Mary, “Do not cling to me... but go.” Why do you think both parts matter—letting go and being sent?**
- 6. Mary is sent to tell others, even though her voice would not have been valued in her culture. What does this say about who God uses? Where might you feel hesitant to share your faith or story?**