



# EASTER

Birth

Death

Resurrection

Ascension



33 years

3 days

40 days

Best. Story. Ever.



**:1 Before the sun had risen on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene made a trip to the tomb where His body was laid to rest. In the darkness, she discovered the covering had been rolled away.**



## John 20

**:2 She darted out of the garden to find Simon Peter and the dearly loved disciple to deliver this startling news.**

***Mary Magdalene:* They have taken the body of our Lord, and we cannot find Him!**



## John 20

**:3 Together, they all departed for the tomb to see for themselves. :4**

**They began to run, and Peter could not keep up. The beloved disciple arrived first :5 but did not go in. There was no corpse in the tomb, only the linens and cloths**

**He was wrapped in. :6 When Simon Peter finally arrived, he went into the tomb and observed the same:**



## John 20

**:7 the cloth that covered His face appeared to have been folded carefully and placed, not with the linen cloths, but to the side. :8 After Peter pointed this out, the other disciple (who had arrived long before Peter) also entered the tomb; and based on what he saw, faith began to well up inside him!**



**:9 Before this moment, none of them understood the Scriptures and why He must be raised from the dead. :10 Then they all went to their homes.**



## John 20

**:11 Mary, however, stood outside the tomb sobbing, crying, and kneeling at its entrance. :12 As she cried, two heavenly messengers appeared before her sitting where Jesus' head and feet had been laid.**

***Heavenly Messengers:* :13 Dear woman, why are you weeping?**

***Mary Magdalene:* They have taken away my Lord, and I cannot find Him.**





**:14 After uttering these words, she turned around to see Jesus standing before her, but she did not recognize Him.**

***Jesus:* :15 Dear woman, why are you sobbing? Who is it you are looking for?**



## John 20

**She still had no idea who it was before her. Thinking He was the gardener, she muttered:**

***Mary Magdalene:* Sir, if you are the one who carried Him away, then tell me where He is and I will retrieve Him.**



***Jesus: :16 Mary!***

***Mary Magdalene (turning to  
Jesus and speaking in Hebrew):***

**Rabboni, my Teacher!**

***Jesus: :17 Mary, you cannot  
hold Me. I must rise above this  
world to be with My Father, who  
is also your Father; My God,  
who is also your God. Go tell  
this to all My brothers.***



**:18 Mary Magdalene obeyed and went directly to His disciples. *Mary Magdalene (announcing to the disciples):* I have seen the Lord, and this is what He said to me...**



# Application

**Recognize we all have “stones” that need to be rolled out of the way because they inhibit us from seeing Jesus more fully in our lives.**

**Remember that we can miss valuable lessons when we refuse to see hidden assumptions we make about how God works in the world.**

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**Take the message Jesus offers us: we have been invited into relationship with the Father, Son, and Spirit.**

**The resurrection story ends in a garden, but this time it's not Adam and Eve being sent away from the garden. Instead, it's Mary who is triumphantly leaving the garden as the messenger of good news: Christ is risen; he is risen indeed.**

