

Marinating in God's Word: John 20:1-10

The whole of the gospel is good news, but this story is the best of all good news, and the center of our faith.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- The story is so familiar to us that we're prone to miss some details, such as the fact that one week after thousands sought him, this day began with only one seeking (v. 1). Re-read carefully, and see if you see any details that at first eluded you.
- That one seeking is Mary Magdalene, the only one named as a first witness in all four gospels. Ironically, as a woman in that culture, she was not even legally qualified to witness. (All the more reason to trust that this story was not made up!) Whose witness to you has called forth faith in the good news of resurrection?
- The first said to believe is John (v. 8). But at this point his belief is still very sketchy. How was your faith "sketchy" when you first believed? How has it filled out?
- Mary went and fetched Peter and John to come and see. Who comes first to your mind as someone you could reach out to with a welcome to consider Jesus?

Next week we will start a new series, focusing on 1 Corinthians. We'll read 1 Cor. 1:1-3.