

## **Discussion Questions for John 20:1-18**

Describe the range of emotions that Mary experienced that first Easter Sunday morning. What caused such a roller coaster of emotions?

What is touching about Jesus' dealing with Mary? What do we discover about Jesus from this encounter? (See John 10:3-5,14-16) How does this help us when we feel overwhelmed?

What piece of evidence do you find most compelling for the resurrection? How would you respond to a friend who said, 'surely we can't believe that Jesus really rose from the dead?'

Look at Jesus's words to Mary in vs17. What do we learn about the significance of Jesus' resurrection? How does this provide assurance for us at a time like this?

Why does Jesus tell Mary not to hold on to him? What will it look like for us to do the same in a time fraught with fear and anxiety? How does the gospel provide real hope and security?