



March 30 & 31, 2024  
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## Jesus Re-entered the Conversation: Resurrection

### I. Reminders

- **This Weekend** – worship services **Saturday @ 5pm** and **Sunday @ 9:30 am & 11am**. You can listen in your car by tuning your radio to 95.3 FM or watch the livestream on Facebook or [thechurchnextdoor.org](http://thechurchnextdoor.org). **Bring a neighbor! Invite a friend!**
- **Radio Show** – the **Your Next Step** radio show continues **Mon-Fri at 10:30am** on **The Word 880 AM and 104.5 FM**. The podcast is also available on our website [doylejackson.com](http://doylejackson.com) as well as all podcasting services.
- **Happening Soon:** 1) One City Worship Night – April 26<sup>th</sup>; 7pm @ the Celeste Center. 2) Simply For Women Live at Deeper Life – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm. 3) National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 2; sanctuary will be open all day for prayer. Check the **EVENTS** page on the website or app for more details!

### II. Ice Breaker Questions

1. Hollow chocolate bunnies – yes or no? Make your case. (It's a big NO from Pastor Doug.)
2. Imagine adults got spring breaks just as schoolkids do. How would you spend yours?

### III. Bible Study

Read **John 19:38-42** (NIV)

*A good Jewish burial...* **38** Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. **39** He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. **40** Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. **41** At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. **42** Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

1. How does Jesus' burial contribute to the truths of His crucifixion and resurrection? What details of the burial does this text give us? Why might those details be important?
2. Why did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus bury Jesus? What do you imagine they were thinking and/or feeling as they buried Him? When have we felt those same feelings about what God is doing in our lives?

Read **John 20:1-4** (NIV)

*Cleaning up loose ends...* **1** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the

entrance. **2** So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

**3** So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4** Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

3. What was Mary’s conclusion when she discovered Jesus’ body was missing? Why was that a reasonable conclusion? Could there have been any other conclusion (hint: remember what Jesus had repeatedly told the disciples would happen)?
4. Why did Peter and “the other disciples” (John) run to the tomb? What risks were they taking by running in public like this? When have we taken a risk for Jesus like this?

Read **John 20:11-18** (NIV)

*A confused Mary...* **11** Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

**13** They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

**14** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

**15** He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

**16** Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

**17** Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

**18** Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

5. Why was it so difficult for Mary to understand what had happened here? What finally convinced her that Jesus was alive? When were you convinced of the resurrection, and how has it changed your life?
6. What is Jesus’ message to Mary in verse 17? Why does He talk about His ascension at this time? What does this tell us about the ongoing purpose of the crucifixion and resurrection? How can we live out that purpose today?