

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

John 20:1-10

Review

- According to a Mori poll in UK in 2011, only 32% believe Jesus was physically resurrected. Why do you think this is?
- An article in 'The Argus' in 2014 had the headline: "*Brighton is UK's most Christian city - just without the religion*". Do you agree or disagree? Explain your reasoning.
- Describe a place or an event that you witnessed that you will probably remember for the rest of your life.

Remind

- Who does Luke say went to the tomb (v.1)? Who else went with her? See also Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1, Luke 24:10.
- Why did the women go to the tomb? See Luke 24:1
- What did Mary do when she saw the empty tomb (v.2)? Who did she speak too (v.2)?
- Which disciple got to the tomb first (v.4)?
- Which of the 2 disciples *entered* the tomb first (v.5-6)?
- List what the 2 disciples found in the tomb (v.6-7).
- What 'Scriptures' (v.9) did the disciples not understand? See Psalm 16:10, Isaiah 53:11-12, Psalm 118:22-24
- What did the 2 disciples do after seeing the tomb (v.10)?

Respond

- Jesus is the all-powerful Son of God. So why was the huge stone removed from the tomb?
- Who do you think Mary is referring to when she says "*they* have taken the Lord"? Explain your reasons.
- Compare the actions of the 2 disciples. Do you think one disciple had more faith than the other? Is faith quantifiable?
- You could end by reading together John 20:1

John 20:1-10 (NIVUK)

The empty tomb

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. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Luke 24:1-12 (NIVUK)

Jesus has risen

¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.