

Mary Magdalene was an “active seeker.” Even before she believed in Jesus’ resurrection, she was there at the tomb trying to find answers. The disciples in Jesus’ inner circle believed quickly that Jesus was alive. It took more time for Mary, but she kept looking until Jesus met her personally and called her name.

1. Do you remember seeking Jesus? Mike reminded us that each person goes at an individual pace. How can we help someone seeking even if we aren’t in that same place or moving at the same pace?

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“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” John 20:1-2 (ESV)

2. **Read John 20:1-10.** Mary sees the stone moved and believes Jesus was taken from the tomb. Simon Peter and John go inside, see the cloths in the tomb and believe. Why do you think it might have been easier for them to believe right away? Did Mary see the same evidence as Simon Peter and John?
3. **Read John 20:11-16.** Mary is in a dark place weeping outside of Jesus’ tomb when she decides to have a closer look inside. Have you experienced tragedy or been in a dark place? What is it about darkness that causes confusion?

4. When does Mary move from confusion to clarity? When have you experienced that shift from darkness and confusion to light and clarity?

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“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?” Mathew 7:7-9 (ESV)

5. When we look for the “Bread of Life,” Jesus provides light, understanding, belief and life. How can you continue to be an “active seeker” even if you are already a Jesus follower?