



John 20 - Easter

Use these questions to prepare for Sunday, April 16.

1. Share an Easter memory.
2. Who came to Jesus' tomb first on Sunday morning? When did she come? What did she see? Who did she tell?
3. What did Peter and John find at the tomb? What did John see that caused him to believe that Jesus had been resurrected?
4. What did Mary Magdalene find when she returned to the tomb? What caused Mary to realize that she was talking with Jesus?
5. How did the disciples feel when they saw Jesus in the upper room in verses 19-22? Why do you think Thomas refused to believe his friends in verses 24-25? Do you think you might have responded the same way Thomas did? Why or why not?
6. When Jesus revealed himself to Thomas, how did he respond? How can we who have not seen Jesus be blessed?
7. Which of these four characters do you most identify with? (Mary, Peter, John, or Thomas) Explain.
8. In verses 30-31, we see why John wrote this Gospel? What was his purpose? Are there things about Jesus that are still hard for you to believe?

Suggestions if you are doing this with kids:

- ***Memory verse: John 6:35 - Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."***
- *Play a game of bucket toss to make things fun. You'll need a bucket, pot, or something to toss a small stuffed animal or bean bag into. Everyone takes turns tossing into the bucket. If you get one in, you answer a question. Vary the distances from where you shoot, or change up how you shoot to make it more of a challenge.*
- *Mark the verses you want to read, but leave a few for kids to look up and read.*