

# Mary, Thomas & Me...

## John 20

*Focus: on Jesus' intentional pursuit of troubled and doubting disciples to assure them of his resurrection and to offer that hope to others through the reading and retelling of His story.*



### Discussion:

- I would highly encourage you to use the Small Group personal Study Guide Sheet this week! (See the Small Group Leader Resource page on our website or see the questions from that sheet below)
- As you share your reflections from that sheet, help your group grapple with the following kinds of issues:
  - do I have doubts about the reality of Jesus' resurrection?
  - if I believe in the resurrection, how should that affect me? my fears? facing death and suffering? sharing my faith?
  - how can I engage my skeptic friends with this message of hope?
  - how can I emulate the faith of Mary and Thomas?
- make sure you spend time praying for friends who you invited to Easter services, even those who were no-shows!

Here is a helpful harmonization of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/resurrection-accounts.html>

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### 2014-2015 Acts Focus

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To advance our church in our knowledge and experience of the Spirit in such a way that we will increasingly embrace His ministry in and through us, especially in witness.



## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON THE SCRIPTURES

### Personal Study Notes

#### Objective

To prayerfully read and reflect on the passage we are studying so as to encounter God and hear from Him about what He would have you do in response to His Word.

#### Passage:

#### Questions:

- What insights do I see about God's character or the way he works? any promises he makes?
- What examples/commands am I to follow? to avoid?
- What is this passage about? (what are the main ideas or major themes?)
- What questions does this passage raise that I want to think about/discuss with the group?
- What do I think God wants me to do in response to this passage?