



EASTER

NEW LIFE CHURCH

John 20-21 (ESV)

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

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²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

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^{21:15} When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

Next Week: How can you believe that?

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TALK SHEET

1. Imagine how Mary felt after Jesus cast out her demons. What might she think would happen to her when she watched Jesus die?
2. What is significant about Mary being the first witness to the resurrection?
3. Was Thomas weak or strong to doubt? Why?
4. What does it tell you about Jesus' resurrection body that he entered when the doors were locked yet offered Thomas to physically touch his wounds?
5. Describe how Peter must have felt after denying Jesus. Have you ever felt that way? Would Peter really want to see Jesus after he denied him? Explain.
6. In a sentence, what did Mary need from Jesus? What did Thomas need? What did Peter need?
7. Pray that the risen Jesus would meet the needs of your friends who don't know Jesus.