

**DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**PART 5 — ENDINGS & BEGINNINGS: *The Resurrection: From Tragedy to Triumph***

**NOTES:**

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study**

**For Starters:** Passion Week is central to the Christian faith, the resurrection foundational to belief. Why do you believe in what you believe? Where does your belief come from and what is it anchored to? Discuss.

**The Basics:** Read John's resurrection account in John 20:1–28. What stands out to you and why?

**Quick-Fire Round**

1. Read John 20:1–8. What did Mary, Peter, and John discover as they arrived at the tomb? Why do all four Gospels record a central role of women at the tomb? What was significant, unusual about Mary Magdalene?
2. Read John 20:9 and John 11:25–26. How does the resurrection complete the crucifixion and greater mission of Jesus? Why is the resurrection not about an event but a person? What does this mean to you?
3. In John 20, how do the different characters—Peter, John, Mary, the disciples, Thomas—respond personally to the resurrection? Which person best represents your response? What do we learn about how Jesus will meet us in our need, grief, doubt, anxiety?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12–19, Romans 4:25, and Romans 6:4. Why does it matter that Jesus resurrected—for Christianity as a belief system, and for you personally?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:3–7. How can you respond and live in light of the resurrection no matter life's circumstances? What do you learn about the character of God as a result of the risen savior?

**Challenge:** Amidst growing anxiety and fear surrounding coronavirus, how could you share the resurrection as *the* source of hope with others? With whom could you share this hope?

**Memorize 1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Prayer:** *Father, I have great hope today no matter what life experiences I go through. Thank you that Jesus is my risen savior; increase my faith in you and help me share your love with others. Amen.*

**Resurrection Personal Study:** Read, reflect on, and pray through the Gospel resurrection accounts, noting similarities and differences and anything that stands out to you: Matthew 28:1–10, Mark 16:1–8, Luke 24:1–12, John 20:1–23 and 1 Corinthians 15:1–11.