

#### Truth (Read Colossians 1:20)

"And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

#### Summary of John 20:1-18:

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 John, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So, Peter went out with John, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then John, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept, she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 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." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

## Equipping (Discussion questions)

1. What did Jesus do by dying on the cross? Colossians 1:20 says he made peace!

2. Why was Jesus not in the tomb? Because He had risen!

3. Why was Mary so excited to see Jesus? She thought his body had been stolen, but He came back to life instead!

4. Why is it important that Jesus rose again? Because our savior is not only sinless but beat death and came back to life! It shows that he is God and can do all things!





## Accountability

- 1. How does Jesus making peace for us change how we live daily life?
- 2. Have you been relying on God in stressful times?
- 3. God can do anything, even rise from the dead! Have you been trusting God with your big or little problems?

#### Mission

- 1. Knowing what Jesus did for us, how can we share this with others?
- 2. Who are some people you want to talk about Jesus with?
- 3. How can you live out Romans 14:19?
- "So, let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another." Romans 14:19.

# **Supplication**

- 1. Let's praise God for dying for our sins and rising from the dead!
- 2. Thank Him for all he has done for us!

"God, thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and build a bridge between you and us. We are so grateful that you've always had a plan to make a way for us to have a relationship with you and experience peace. Help us grow in our relationship with you every day. As we go home and celebrate Easter, remind us that the reason we celebrate is that God made peace with us."



- 1. Who created Earth and everything in it? (God)
- 2. Who were the first two people living peacefully in paradise? (Adam and Eve)
- 3. What happened to peace once Adam and Eve didn't listen to God and ate from the tree? (they were separated from Him; the relationship was broken)
- 4. What separates people from God? (sin—when they choose not to follow Him)
- 5. Who had a plan to make peace once again after Adam and Eve broke the rule? (God)
- 6. Name a time in the history of Israel when people did not have peace? (while they were slaves in Egypt, when God gave them kings like they asked for—kids can share answers that aren't in this week's Large Group)
- 7. Who came to Earth as a baby and died to bring peace on Earth? (Jesus)
- 8. Why were Mary Magdalene and the disciples shocked? (*because Jesus' body wasn't in the tomb*)
- 9. What was Mary Magdalene so excited to share with the disciples? (she saw Jesus alive)
- 10. After Jesus died, what happened that proved how powerful He is? (*He rose from the dead*)
- 11. How can you have peace with God? (through Jesus)
- 12. How can you make peace with others? (by being kind, by saying you're sorry when you're wrong)