

## **Women's Bible Study**

### **John 20:1-30**

1. Before sunrise on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene, accompanied by Peter and John, arrive at Jesus' tomb and find it empty. We discover in verse 7 that when they look inside the tomb, they see that the cloth which had covered Jesus' head was "folded up." Why is this discovery important? What do we learn from verse 8? Why is verse 9 also significant?
  
2. Why is it important to prove that the tomb was empty? Is believing that Jesus rose from the dead as important as believing that he died on the cross for our sins? Explain.
  
3. Why do you think that Mary Magdalene stays behind at the grave after the disciples leave? Why do you think Jesus chooses to appear to her after the others leave?
  
4. When Jesus appears to his disciples, what specific gifts and promises does he give them (verses 19-23)?
  
5. How does Thomas's exclamation, "My Lord and my God" (verse 28) provide a fitting climax to John's Gospel? What can we learn from Jesus' encounter with Thomas about dealing with people who have doubts about Christianity? How can Jesus' interaction with Thomas minister to us when we wrestle with doubts about our own faith?
  
6. In verses 30-31 John tells us why he has written this Gospel. Of all the "miraculous signs" John has included, which have been the most convincing or encouraging to you? Why?