

# Too Good – Easter Sunday

## John 20:1-18

1. What do appreciate most about Easter?
2. What most persuades you that Jesus died and rose again?
3. Mary Magdalene, means Mary from Magdala, a fishing centre on the west coast of the Sea of Galilee. What is the connection between this region and Jesus?
4. Mary Magdalene is often confused with the prostitute that anointed Jesus feet with perfume and Mary of Bethany. But all we know about Mary comes from Luke 8:2, 3. What do these verses tell us about Mary?
5. Read John 20:1-18
6. Why do you think Mary came to the tomb while it was still dark? What do you think she was hoping to avoid?
7. What does running to the disciples tell you about how Mary felt about the news of the empty tomb?
8. Why did Mary turn around and go back to the empty tomb when she had just come from there?
9. Why do angels appear for Mary and not for the two disciples?
10. What is the Angels first concern in talking to Mary?
11. In Luke's gospel the disciples on the road to Emmaus also had trouble recognising the risen Christ. Why do you think this is?
12. What is Jesus first concern in talking to Mary? What does this tell us about God's heart?
13. What is the significance of Jesus changing from the neutral term "woman" to the familial name; "Mary"? And what impact does this have on Mary? What does this mean for our relationship with God?
14. Jesus instructs Mary to tell the disciples; *"tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (John 20:17b)*. Why is this more than a set of instructions? What does this language mean about Jesus regard for Mary?
15. How does this passage tie up with: 1 Corinthians 1:27, 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 and Ephesians 2:8?
16. What does this message meant to you?