



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

John 20:1-2

“The God of Second Chances”
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He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Not sin, nor hate, nor evil, nor even death would have the _____ word.
Love, grace, hope, life – these have the final word because of Christ’s resurrection. –Rev. Adam Hamilton

I. As far as anyone could see, h _____ was gone!

Mary went to the tomb, expecting to find a b _____. John 20:11-13
She thought the resurrected Jesus was the g _____. (20:14-15)
Jesus calls her by _____ and she recognizes His voice. (20:16)
Mary wants to h _____ on to the past relationship of *teacher*.
Jesus invites her to a _____ relationship. She is the first witness! (17-18)
Jesus said for Mary to “_____” and say, “*I have seen the Lord.*”

II. The disciples were afraid... (John 20:19a) the doors were l _____.
They were afraid what happened to _____ would happen to _____.
Jesus appears among them and says, “P _____ be with you.” (19b)
When Jesus says, “P _____,” is He referring to an absence of conflict?
Jesus shows them his w _____ (His hands and his side). (20)
Jesus immediately s _____ them in the power of the Holy Spirit. (21-22)

III. What does Jesus do with doubters? (24-26)
Even after _____ people told Thomas, he refused to believe.
“*A w _____ later. . .*” How long do you give Jesus to show up?
Did it hurt Jesus to re-open the wound in His side? (27)
Never quote what Jesus says without the context of what Jesus d _____.
When Jesus says, ‘*Do not doubt but believe.*’,
Thomas’ hand is inside Jesus’ chest. (28-29)
At Jesus’ touch, we answer with Thomas, “*My Lord and my God.*”



We’re not here to celebrate fake faith.
We’re here to celebrate real faith that includes doubt. #a2easter

“*Immediately the father of the child cried out, ‘I _____; help my _____!’ The boy was like a corpse, **But Jesus.** . . (Mark 9:24-27)*

Second chances begin with h _____ faltering faith before the Lord.
Who do you have in your life with whom you can share your doubts?

Action Steps: Share your doubt with _____ and with someone s _____.