

Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

John: As I Have Loved You

Easter Sunday - Week 2: Couldn't Believe It
Until They Did

Passage: John 20:1-18; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5;20



Re-read John 20:1-18; 1 Corinthians 15:1-5;20-28

Take your time reading through John 20:1-18. For many believers, this is a story that we are very familiar with. Do your best to look at it with fresh eyes. *What stands out from this passage? Does this seem like a passage that was meant to create a purely emotional response? If you had to describe the “style” of John’s writing in this section what would it be? Why is that important?*

Pastor Dwain highlighted the significance of Mary Magdalene being the first to witness the resurrection. *What is unique and significant about the fact that she was the first to see Jesus and tell the other disciples? What does this tell us about how often God chooses to reveal himself? How does it add to the credibility of the account?*

It was highlighted that a section of 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 is believed to be the earliest Christian creed. *Why is it that Paul considered this to be of “first importance”? What is significant about the fact that this creed likely came into existence within weeks/months of Jesus death and resurrection?*

Spend some time meditating on 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. This passage is filled with incredible encouragement for all believers. What stands out the most to you? In your own words, what is Paul describing in this passage? **Read Paul’s final exhortation in 1 Corinthians 15:58.** *Do you feel that you are living into this exhortation? If not, what are some practical things you can do to start doing it?*

Close your time in prayer. Rejoice in the reality that Jesus rose from the grave and conquered sin and death on your behalf! Ask God to show you how to “always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58, NIV)