

Alone with Jesus: Jesus and Mary Magdalene | John 20:10-18

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of November 19th, 2023

OVERVIEW

The resurrected Jesus reveals himself to Mary Magdalene. Mary is overcome with joy and shares the news with the disciples.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish? **Or** What kind of burial would you like: Large? Small? Somber? Joyful?

Activity: Celebrate Thanksgiving together!

PRAYER

Pray in groups of 2-3: Pray for each other, that you may have a heart of thanksgiving.

Pray in a large group: Give thanks to God for he is good, and His love endures forever!

BIBLE: READ JOHN 20:10-18

1. Read the passage as a narrative by giving roles (Mary, Jesus, etc.) to specific people in the group.
2. Who was the first eyewitness to see (as well as hear and touch) the resurrected Jesus?
3. How do you think Mary felt after Jesus' death? A) Deserted, B) Angry, C) In shock, or D) Other?
4. What do you think motivated her to come to the tomb?
5. Why do you think Jesus chose Mary to reveal himself after his resurrection?
6. Who is Mary Magdalene? How is she portrayed in the Gospels as a faithful and devoted disciple of Christ?
7. In verse 17, what does Jesus mean when he says, "Do not hold on to me?"
8. What is the first thing Mary did after her encounter with Jesus?
9. If you were a disciple, and heard Mary say, "I have seen the Lord!" what would your response be?
10. What term (verse 17) does Jesus use for his disciples? What kind of relationship does it convey?

APPLICATION

1. When Mary encounters Jesus, Mary's grief is transformed into joy and thanksgiving. God is the giver of all good things. Share one thing you are thankful for in each of these categories.

What am I thankful to Jesus for?

What am I thankful to my family for?

What am I thankful to my Ohana Group for?

2. In his kindness and grace, the resurrected Jesus reveals himself to Mary and calls her by her name. What is the evidence that Jesus is alive in your life today? How does Jesus speak your name during grief or trouble?

