

## John 20v1 Bible study questions and application

1. Open discussion with the group on the topic of the usefulness of new beginnings in general. Some examples may be: a new job, a new home, a new neighbourhood, a new lease of life after a serious illness...
2. John 20 is a record of the encounters Jesus and some of the disciples have on the day Jesus was resurrected.

Examine the following Scriptures to see that the resurrection of Jesus was brought about the joint action of the three persons of the Trinity (just as they had cooperated in connection with His incarnation (Hebrews 10:5; Philippians 2:7 and Luke 1:35), just as they had been active in connection with the atonement (Isaiah 53:6, 10; Ephesians 5:2 and Hebrews 9:4, so the whole Godhead was engaged on the resurrection morning (Romans 6:4; John 10:17 and Romans 8:11)

3. Review the significance of the resurrection taking place on the first day of the week and how that influenced the early church to change the Sabbath from the last day of the week to the first day of the week. Noting the remembering of the new creation achieved by Jesus as well as Sunday becoming the day set aside for the church to gather for worship.
4. Encourage the group showing them that Jesus rose from the dead finalizing much needed hope for broken people and for a broken world. Discuss how the victory Jesus accomplished through His death and resurrection impacts the lives of believers in the present and the future (see sermon notes)
5. Read Mark 16:9 and Luke 8:2. Mary was: **JC Ryle** "...one whose gratitude to our Lord for deliverance was gratitude that knew no bounds ...of all our Lord's followers on earth, none seem to have loved Him so much as Mary Magdalene. None felt they owed so much to Christ" Do you agree with this quote and if so, why?
6. Discuss the implication of "*the man who is deeply conscious of his own guilt and corruption, and deeply convinced that without the blood and intercession of Christ he would sink deservedly into the lowest hell, this is the man who will spend and be spent for Jesus, and think that he can never do enough to show forth praise.*"
7. Challenge one another in the group regarding each other's service in the church and how this is affected by one's love for Jesus.