

Surprised By God

1. How long has it been since you have experienced a **good** surprise? Discuss it?

2. It was not a good Friday for the disciples when Jesus was crucified. It was not a good Saturday either, as they hid in fear and loneliness. Sunday was worse because their Lord's body was missing. But God had a **big** surprise waiting! Name some of the surprises the disciples had experienced during the three years they walked with Jesus.

a. John 4:26 _____

b. John 8:9 _____

c. Luke 7:11-15 _____

d. Luke 23:42-43 _____

e. Others _____

3. These are only a taste of the **big event**. What is the first surprise Mary discovered when she got to the tomb? (John 20:1)

⇒ What is the second surprise?

4. Read John 20:10-16 and discuss how you would have felt if you had been Mary in this personal encounter with Jesus in His resurrected body?

5. What is happening in your life right now (your dark night) for which you need an "Easter Surprise" by God?

6. Read and ponder 1 Corinthians 2:9. What does the verse communicate?