

He Is Alive To Meet Real Needs

1. List the four appearances of Jesus that are recorded in John 20 and 21.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

2. Read through **John 20:1–18** and answer the following:

a) Who was the other disciple that outran Simon Peter?

b) Who was Mary Magdalene? What did Jesus do for her? How did she react to His death on the cross?

c) What happened to her emotionally in verse 11?

d) Describe a person who has lost hope. What is it like?

e) How did Mary get her hope back? (see verses 16–18)

3. Read **John 20:19–23**. What were the disciples doing behind closed doors? What was their emotional state? How did the appearance of Jesus change them?

4. Read **John 20:24–30**. What kind of person was Thomas? What was he like before he met Jesus? How did Jesus change him?

a) How did the crucifixion affect him?

b) What happens to people who lose their faith?

c) How did he get his faith back?

d) How can we help other people get their faith back?

5. Why are these things written according to John 20:31?

6. Scan through John 21. Where is Peter and what is he doing when Jesus comes and appears to him?

a) How did Peter get disconnected from Jesus' love? What did he do that made him feel like such a failure?

b) In John 21:15–21, how does Jesus reinstate Peter? How did Peter get reconnected with God's love?

c) When you have become disconnected from the love of God, what do you do to get reconnected?

7. What is the lesson that we learn from what Jesus says to Peter when he wanted to know what John is going to do? (see John 21:22–23)