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# Loved to Death and Back

JOHN 20:1-18

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John 20:1-18 | Loved to Death and Back: Why You Should Care about a 2,000 Year Old Empty Tomb

## Discussion Questions

*Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit [compassntx.org](http://compassntx.org) to join a small group near you.*

1. Read **1 Corinthians 15:12-19**. Why is the resurrection the lynchpin of our faith?
2. Read **John 20:8** and **John 20:13**. Saving faith isn't one-size-fits-all. In other words, it doesn't always look the same when someone comes to faith in Jesus. How do we see that in the different responses to the empty tomb found in John 20? How does that encourage you?
3. Read **Romans 2:4-5** and **2 Peter 3:9-10**. What do both of these passages communicate about God's patience toward the lost? How can we employ these texts evangelistically in a way that is at the same time an encouragement and a warning to the lost person?
4. Read **John 20:16** and **John 10:3-4**. How does the concept of Jesus as your personal Savior show up in your daily relationship with him? How do passages like **2 Timothy 4:7-8** and **Matthew 25:23** speak to the personal nature of our relationship with Jesus as our Savior?

## Recommended Reading

- *The Case for Easter* - Lee Strobel
- *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus* - Gary Habermas and Michael Licona
- *Raised with Christ: How the Resurrection Changes Everything* - Adrian Warnock
- *Scandalous: The Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus* - D.A. Carson



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