

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 4th April 2021
Sermon Title: Resurrection
Bible Passage: John 20: 1 - 18

Recapping the Preach

Take time to read John 20:1-18 from a few different translations.

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- Read the resurrection story from the other gospels (Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12). What are the similarities/differences between the different accounts?
- What questions does the text leave you with?

Stu began by outlining the phases of a crisis: response, recovery and reconstruction. He connected that the first witnesses would have been recovering from the shock and disappointment of Jesus' death.

- Take a moment to think about Mary, Peter and John. How might they have been feeling? Why?
- Thinking about the three phases of a crisis: response, recovery and reconstruction, where would you place yourself in this?

Stu made the point that John's account of the resurrection is grounded in historical fact and deeply personal. Aside from these truths, John's account is fascinating and raises a lot of questions.

- How would you answer someone who disagrees with the bodily resurrection of Jesus?
- Why do you think Mary did not recognise Jesus (cf John 14:18-19)?
- Why do you think Jesus told Mary not to hold on to him?
- What is the connection between John 7:39, 20:17 and 20:22?

Read 1 Corinthians 15 and explore:

- What is the significance of the resurrection that Paul spells out in this chapter?
- How should we live, in light of the resurrection?
- Read Ephesians 1:18-20. Do you see and experience the power of God at work in your life? In what ways?
- What is the significance of the resurrection for you?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?
- How can you live more fully in the light of the resurrection?

Prayer pointers

- Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>