

Read this before you start the talk!

you'll thank me again, I promise.

Week: for December 9th, 2020

Scripture: John 20:18-31 & 21:24-25

Bottom Line:

A personal note from Jackson: Tonight is the night, more than any other night this semester, when you need to be sensitive and responsive to your students' leadings in discussion. For some groups, tonight will feel by and large like a normal Wednesday night, for others, the best use of time may be talking and processing together the reality of death.

Start the video, and pause at :25 to read the Scripture.

- What do you first notice while reading in the passage? What seems weird to you? What seems most important?

Go back to the video, watch until 4:12.

1. Why do you think Mary's relationship with Jesus has changed? How would your relationship with Jesus change if you went through what she did?

Watch the video through 9:02.

2. How does the OUTWARD focus of peace work out now? (Evangelism, justice, etc)
3. Jesus gives the disciples the Holy Spirit. Do you think he does the same now?

Watch through 14:17.

4. What does it say about God that he is eternally three persons? What does that say about him as a loving God?

Watch through 19:50.

5. Why do you think Thomas is so adamant, not just to see Jesus with his own eyes, but to see his scars from crucifixion?
6. Have you ever felt let down by Jesus? What does it take for you to regain hope?
7. When Thomas doubts, Jesus lives up to it; he delivers what Thomas needs to believe. Have you ever doubted? How has, or hasn't Jesus given you what you need to believe?

Finish the video.

8. John writes all of this that you will believe in Jesus – that Jesus died and rose from the dead as an act of love FOR YOU. Do you believe that? (Leaders, actually go there with your students. Let them tell you if they believe!)
9. One of the most important things about Jesus' resurrection is that it means that death doesn't have the final say. What does it mean for death not to win, even when people we love, and people we know die?