

Encounter

Part 1: Jesus Meets You In Your Misery

John 20:11-18

Launch

What is the best April Fool's prank that you've ever played or had played on you?

Explore

Read the passage

What do you know about Mary's Magdalene's background? (See Luke 8:2 and Mark 15:37-41.) How does her history with Jesus impact her reaction to his disappearance?

Why do you think Mary didn't initially recognize Jesus? What caused her to realize his identity? Why is this significant?

Once she realized that Jesus had risen, what was her reaction?

Apply

Mary's encounter with the risen Christ changed her from a mourner to an evangelist.

How has Jesus changed your life? How have you shared this hope with others?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. How has Jesus met you in your misery and given you comfort? How have you been able to comfort others?

Pray

Pray that we would experience true life change because of our relationship with the risen Christ.

