

4 April 2021 | Easter Sunday | Resurrection

Reflections – Questions on Holy Week

- What do you find encouraging about marking the events of last week [Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday, Easter Sunday]?
- What aspects of last week do you struggle with?
- Do you think it is important that we, as individuals and as the church, mark these events? Why or why not?
- Why is it that Christians find it so much easier to celebrate Advent – Christmas than Lent – Easter? (It makes sense for our world to do that, but why Christians?)

Reflections – Questions on the text

- Read **John 20:1-18**
- What stands out to you in the text?
- What was Mary coming to the tomb so early in the morning?
- Why do you think Mary didn't recognize Jesus at first?
 - Do you think there are times when we don't recognize the presence of Jesus (or the Spirit) close to us?
 - If so, why do you think this is?
 - Can you think of an example of when you sensed the presence of Jesus (maybe in another person, in a scripture, in another way)?
- Why did Mary want to go get the body of Jesus (**v15**)?
 - In what ways do we sometimes fail to grasp the implications of the resurrection, and simply hang onto what we know?
 - Why do you think that is?
- Read **v17** again.
 - Why did Mary try to hang onto Jesus?
 - What do you think Jesus meant by *"for I have not yet ascended to the Father"*?
 - What is the significance and implications of Jesus saying *"I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God"*?
 - What does *"Go... tell"* mean in your context?