

How can we really live in an artificial world?

Because He Lives:

- I. Depression turns to _____
 - John 20:1–2 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." (NASB)
 - John 20:11–13 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. ¹³ And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." (NASB)
 - John 20:14–18 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her. (NASB)

II. Confusion turns to _____

John 20:3–10 So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. ⁴The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; ⁵ and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. ⁶And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. ⁹For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰So the disciples went away again to their own homes. (NASB)

John 20:19–23 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "<u>Peace be with you</u>." ²⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "<u>Peace be with you</u>; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained." (NASB)

III. Doubt turns to

- John 20:24–25 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." (NASB)
- John 20:26–28 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (NASB)



DOGGY BAG Something to take home and chew on!

- 1. What are you doing to develop an authentic spiritual life?
- 2. How do you deal with the depression, confusion, and doubts of life?
- 3. When have you experienced the most authentic life?
- 4. How have you experienced the Risen Lord? What are you doing to pursue Jesus?

Ideas:

- Mary experienced the Resurrected Lord as she went to serve Him.
- The disciples experienced the Resurrected Lord as they met in their discipleship group.
- Augustine experienced the Resurrected Lord as he picked up the Bible and read.
- John Wesley experienced the Resurrected Lord at an evening prayer meeting.
 Jesus said, "ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

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Take a step in faith this week:

- Let us know you are here today (and every Sunday) with our Connection Card, through either the Christ Church app or the Connection Card tab in the top menu bar of our online worship portal (<u>LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG</u>). This helps us stay up-to-date and connected to your needs and well-being.
- **Go to our weekly online bulletin** and get involved with mission and ministry this week. Use the Christ Church app, or the Resources tab* in top menu bar of the Online Campus Platform, to access the current edition each week.
- Join your church family for our weekly Wednesday Night Dinner (5:30pm) & Discipleship (6:30pm), and join a small group if you're not in a group or class already. Email Pam at <u>pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org</u> to learn more about Faith Groups.
- Read Through the New Testament in 2024 with your pastors and church family, using the YouVersion Bible App to keep together and encourage one another along the way. Our pastors discuss readings in our Daily Online Bible Study (DOBS) each weekday at noon via our online worship portal (LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG).

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• Sign up to serve! Contact Bev at <u>badams@christchurchva.org</u> for suggestions.

*Quick link to Connection Resources: CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/CONNECT-WITH-US

ANSWER KEY:

EASTER I. JOY
II. PEACE III. FAITH
Main point: EXPERIENCING THE RISEN CHRIST LETS YOU REALLY LIVE.

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