# The risen Jesus 2 John 20:10-18 Encountering Jesus

# God is not afraid of your questions

## The questions to ask

### About the passage

### What’s it like to encounter the risen Jesus?

### How do you know a genuine encounter with God?

### How do you know when to stop praying?

### What kind of body did Jesus have?

#### It could be touched and handled (v27, Lk 24:39), and bear the marks of the wounds in death (v 20,25,27), and cook fish (21:9) and eat it (Lk 24:41-43)

#### BUT it could rise through grave clothes (6-8), appear in a locked room (19,26) and is sometimes not recognised

##### How can this be?

## Insights from the seed and the plant (1 Cor 15:35ff)

# There’s clinging to Jesus and there’s clinging to Jesus…

## Cling to me and you will be rescued

## ‘Don’t cling to me’ – I’m not going anywhere yet

### But when I do go I will send another Comforter

## ‘Don’t cling to me’ – you have a job to do

### Take them the Good news!

# Jesus is risen

## A truth worth believing

## A truth worth living for

## A truth worth dying for

## A truth worth exploring

### Christianity Explored Tuesday

# Homegroup/Private study Questions

# The details

## Where do you think Peter and John went when they left? Home in Galilee or somewhere else?

### Explain your thinking

## What does the presence of Angels tell you in this passage?

### How would you describe angels?

## Why do you think Mary was asked why she was crying?

### What do you think she was looking for?

## How do you explain v17 compared with v27

### What has happened in between?

## Was Mary disobedient in going to the disciples rather than to Jesus’ family?

# Encounters with others

## Special moments can happen in any encounter

### Describe one of yours and why was it special

# Encounters with God

## Do a survey around you:

### Do you feel the presence of God every time you pray?

#### If not, how often does it happen (if at all) and what does it feel like?

### Do you feel the presence of God every time you read the Bible?

#### If not, how often does it happen (if at all) and what does it feel like?

### If you don’t ‘feel the presence’ should you still pray and read your Bible?

#### Explain your answer

## How far do you agree that the Holy Spirit can end a prayer meeting?

### What do you think you should do if that happens at a prayer ‘vigil’?

# Clinging to Jesus

## In what ways is it a good thing to cling to Jesus?

## Under what circumstances do people become ‘clingy’? (think of children with parents)

### What does being ‘clingy’ say to others?

### In what ways is it not good to be ‘clingy’ with Jesus?