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20:1-18 Mary (with several other women; see the other gospels) comes to the tomb early to prepare Christ's body in a more permanent way. Upon arrival, she finds the tomb open and empty, which prompts her to tell the disciples. John and Peter respond by running to the tomb. They eventually return home, leaving Mary still at the tomb, where she encounters first two angels and then Jesus Himself.

20:19-29 That evening, the disciples are together behind locked doors because they are afraid that the Jews will come for them. In their midst, Jesus appears and confirms to them that He has risen. Thomas, however, is absent. One week later (by Jewish reckoning), Jesus appears to the disciples in similar circumstances, showing Himself to Thomas and pronouncing a blessing on coming generations of Christians.

20:30-31 Throughout this chapter – just as throughout the entire book – John's inspired purpose has been to show how Jesus is the Messiah, God in the flesh, and that everyone who trusts Him will have eternal life.

Context: The necessary sorrow of Good Friday is now completed by the amazing joy of Easter Sunday.

Aim: Every reader of John's gospel is called to believe in the risen Lord as the Son of God that we need for eternal life.

Gospel: The Good News is not only that Jesus died for our sins, but also that He rose to life and offers it to us as well.

Applications: Jesus fulfills the prophecies – He does not stay dead. Rejoice! And serve Him by proclaiming this great news!

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
