



Faces of Easter: The Open Tomb

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WARM UP

1. What is your favorite movie?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

DIG IN

3. Why was Jesus' tomb open? Did God really need to move the stone to get him out? Who was the stone rolled away for?
4. Read John 20:11-16. Why do you think God chose this slow, subtle, and gradual method of revealing Jesus' resurrection? Why no explosive announcements with fireworks?
5. Would Jesus have been justified seeking revenge after he rose from the dead? What does his demeanor suggest about God's heart, and about the impact of the cross in removing our sins?
6. Why can John 20:17-18 feel disappointing to the reader? Why does Jesus refuse to be held by a dear friend, when a warm hug scene would really seem to fit the moment?

DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)

7. Talk about your overall sense of God's character. What do you assume about him and his feelings toward you?
8. Does this passage call any of those assumptions into question? How might God be inviting you to reimagine how he feels and operates toward you and others? How can you more fully embrace God's gentle heart rather than the faulty assumptions we often carry around?
9. What could it look like to treat people in such a way that they get a real-life advertisement of God's character? How can you operate this next week to showcase God's heart?



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Why was the tomb _____?

The tomb was open to _____.

The angels' question is actually a _____.

Jesus presence and words are _____ and _____.

Jesus' tone is _____ and _____.

Jesus to Mary: You can't _____ onto me now. I'll _____ you from heaven.

Have I noticed God's _____?

Can I _____ it? How?