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John 20:11-22

The story in John 20 of Mary Magdalene coming to Jesus' tomb and Jesus' first appearance to His disciples generates a number of curious questions:

- Did Mary have some type of light since it was still dark?
- How far did the disciples have to run to get to the tomb?
- Why didn't Peter and John see angels in the tomb?
- What was the role of the angels?
- Did Peter and John tell Mary what they saw in the tomb?
- Why did Mary not go into the tomb, but just kneeled and look in?
- Had Jesus' looks changed so much that she did not recognize Him, or was it still dark?
- How did Mary know where the disciples were staying?
- Why did the fact that Jesus had not ascended to the Father prohibit Mary from touching Him?
- Did Jesus literally take a breath and breathe the Holy Spirit on each individual disciple or on the group as a whole? or was this symbolic?
- How much did the disciples understand about the Holy Spirit?

Are any of these questions as significant as Mary's testimony: "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18)?

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