


Sermon Series: Becoming Like Jesus
The Risen Lord | **John 20:11-18**


Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of April 5th, 2026

 **OVERVIEW**

He is Risen, *He is Risen Indeed!* In 20:11–18, Mary Magdalene grieves at the empty tomb until the risen Jesus appears to her, though she does not recognize Him at first. When Jesus calls her by name, she recognizes Him, and He sends her to announce His resurrection to the disciples.

 **OHANA TIME!**

 **Icebreaker:** Do you have a nickname or a name that only certain people call you? **Or** What is one of your favorite Easter memories growing up?

 **Activity:** Watch the new “Pastors Answer Ohana Questions” video (feat. Pastor Kendal) together as a group! (Available on the website and KUC YouTube channel).

 **PRAYER**

Pray: “Lord Jesus, help us to hear Your voice, recognize Your presence, and faithfully share the good news that You are risen.”

 **BIBLE: READ JOHN 20:11-18**

1. What does Mary assume has happened to Jesus' body? What does this reveal about her expectations?
2. Who does Mary encounter at the tomb, and how does she respond to each?
3. What is significant about the moment when Jesus calls Mary by name?
4. What specific instruction does Jesus give Mary after revealing Himself?
5. Why do you think Mary does not recognize Jesus at first?
6. What is the significance of Jesus revealing Himself personally to Mary rather than to a larger group first?
7. Why does Jesus say, “Do not cling to me” (v.17)? What might that indicate theologically or relationally?
8. What does this passage teach about the nature of the resurrection body of Jesus?

 **APPLICATION**

1. Jesus calls Mary by name. What does it mean to you that Jesus knows you personally—not just generally, but intimately? Where do you find your primary identity right now (roles, performance, approval, family)? How does Jesus calling your name challenge or re-anchor that identity? Are there areas of your life where you are resisting being fully known by Jesus?
2. Mary moves from grief to being sent: “Go to my brothers...” How has your personal encounter with Jesus shaped your willingness to share with others? What holds you back from saying, like Mary, “I have seen the Lord”? Who specifically in your life might God be calling you to share your story with right now?