“MY LORD AND MY GOD!”

John 20:1–31

Key Verse: 20:28

1. What does Mary discover, what does she do, and why (1–2)? How are Peter and the other disciple contrasted (3–7)? What do the linen cloths and face cloth suggest? What happens to the other disciple (8)? What is the author’s comment, and why (9)?
2. How are the disciples and Mary contrasted (10–11a)? What does Mary see (11b–12)? What does verse 13 tell us? What happens (14)? What do Jesus’ words to her mean (15a)? What does she suppose, and what does she offer (15b)? What does this tell us?
3. How does Jesus reveal himself to her, and how is her understanding of him still limited (16)? Why does Jesus tell her not to cling to him, and what should she do instead (17a)? What is his message to his “brothers,” and how does this summarize the gospel (17b)? What does Mary do and say, and how has she changed (18)?
4. How are the disciples described (19a)? What does Jesus say and do (19b–20a)? How does this change them (20b)? What does he repeat, and why (21a)? How does he commission them, and what does this mean (21b)? How does he equip them (22)? What does he say about forgiveness, and why (23)?
5. What is Thomas’ initial response, and why (24–25)? How does Jesus help him (26–27)? What does Thomas confess (28)? What does Jesus say, and what does this mean to us (29)? For what purpose did the author write this Gospel (30–31)? What does it mean to “believe” these things and “have life”?