



Christ is Risen!

A CSC study on the Resurrection
for Spiritual Support Groups

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A CSC Study on the Resurrection – for Easter 2021

John 20:1-18

Have one person read the passage out loud to the group, and then let everyone read it again silently to themselves.

Where does the passage come from?

All the gospels tell the resurrection story differently – and in the C of E we focus each year on a different gospel story and spend time with that. This year we read from John 20 on Easter morning, with its extended focus on Jesus meeting Mary in the garden after the discovery of the empty tomb.

What does the passage say?

- Like all the gospels, the focus of the resurrection story is not on how Jesus came back to life, but on the fact that he is alive again. What particular aspects of the story most strike you today?
- John, Peter and Mary all respond in slightly different ways to the events of the 1st Easter morning, in John 20. How do we relate to their responses? Which ones speak most to our own situations?
- What do we most hope for – in our Christian lives, in our world today? How does the resurrection story contribute to that hope?

How can we live in a way that honours the passage?

How does the story in John 20 help us in our desire to be people of grace in the Community of St Cuthbert? Each pick one of the rhythms of grace – prayer, study, witness, justice, hospitality – and say something about how the resurrection story encourages you in putting that rhythm of grace into practice.