WEEKLY BIBLE READING GUIDE "Jesus in the Gospel of John" Last Week

Monday, April 2: John 18: 1-18 ... Jesus Appearing to Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene found the empty tomb of Jesus and reported it to Jesus' disciples. They went to verify the news. After seeing the empty tomb, the disciples went back home, but Mary stayed, weeping. Yet, in the midst of her grief and bewilderment, Jesus appeared to Mary, and she became the first eyewitness to the risen Christ. What has convinced you of the reality of the risen Christ? How have you encountered Easter in your life? How would you explain the reason for your faith in Jesus, the risen Christ to other people?

<u>Tuesday, April 3</u>: John 20:19-23 ... Jesus Appearing to His Disciples

Everything about Jesus and his mission seemed to be lost. Jesus was crucified, and now his body was missing. The disciples were in hiding, in fear of the Jewish authorities. Jesus appeared in their midst and said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." *How have you experienced Christ's peace in your life? In what ways can you tangibly bring peace to people around you today?*

Wednesday, April 4: John 20:24-29 ... Jesus and Thomas

Somehow Thomas missed Jesus' first appearance to the disciples and refused to believe their claim that they saw Jesus, the risen Christ. But, Jesus came again when Thomas was present and said, "Stop doubting and believe." *What*

causes you to doubt your faith in Christ? How do you turn your doubt into belief?

<u>Thursday, April 5</u>: John 21:1-14 ... Jesus Appearing to His Disciples

Jesus appeared again to his disciples while they were fishing. They had fished all night long in vain. Then, Jesus came and asked them to try a different side of the lake. When they did, they had a large catch. However, John says that the disciples did not recognize Jesus until they experienced the miracle. *How can you sharpen your spiritual vision to see Jesus, the risen Christ in your life and in the world?*

Friday, April 6: John 21:15-19 ... Jesus and Peter

Three times, Peter denied Jesus and strayed away from him. Now, three times, Jesus allows Peter to reaffirm his love for him and to reconnect with him. And, three times, Jesus commissions him to the ministry of feeding his sheep. In what ways have you experienced Jesus' forgiveness? In what ways do you sense Jesus calling you to serve? How are you answering his call today?

Saturday, April 7: John 21: 20-25 ... Disciple's Testimony

The writer of the Gospel of John was an eyewitness to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and he wrote the book as his testimony. *How will you take what you have learned about Jesus from reading the Gospel of John for the last 7 weeks and weave it into your daily life, so that your life can become more and more a living testimony to your faith?*