

# ***Easter Sunday***

The Tomb Wasn't Empty on Easter  
**April 4, 2010**

## **John 20:1-8**

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

## **1 Peter 3:18**

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

## **Discussion Questions**

Was there a time that you believed something without question for a long time and then finally learned the truth?

Why did you believe it for so long?

How did you feel when you learned the truth?

Does it really matter that the tomb wasn't empty?

Do you think Jesus left the grave clothes there on purpose?

Have you ever told yourself that you just can't change or something in your life just can't be cleaned up?

How long did you believe that before you learned the truth?

What is the truth that Easter and its grave clothes tell us?

What is the hope Jesus gives you?

What is the hope you can then share with others?

How will you commit to leaving your 'junk' behind in the tomb?

How will you let others know they can do the same through

Jesus?