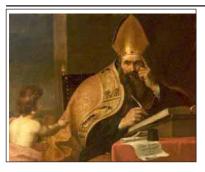
## **Emmanuel Prayer List - April**

- Easter drama services follow-up
- For those who heard the Good News
- New connections will be made for those who responded and attended the EBC Easter drama
- For new Christians to be available for one-on-one discipleship to learn the basics of the Christian faith, and baptism etc

## **Study Continued**

- 6. Pastor Peter used this passage of Scripture in John 20, along with John 3:16, to explain the purpose for which Jesus came to earth. He broke the verse into 4 parts (See opposite).
  - a. For God so loved the world What is the nature of God's love for us?
  - b. That He gave is one and only Son What was the Father's purpose in 'giving' Jesus to us?
  - c. That whosoever believes in Him Who does 'whosoever include?

    How do we come to believe?
  - d. Shall not perish, but have everlasting life Why would we perish?What has sin done to us, and what is the meaning of repentance?What does Jesus mean when He says that we have everlasting life?How does knowing that we have everlasting life, affect our life right now?
- 7. If you are in a small group, have someone explain salvation, using what you have just talked about in John 3:16.



Saint Augustine 354-430

"God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us."



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son that whoseover believes in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

# The Tomb is Empty

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## The Tomb is Empty - John 20:1-18

The tomb is	, Jesus is	He has defeated	d sin and death
	THE WO	ORLD	
1 John 4:7-8			
God doesn't choos	se to love us. God _	love. Love is the	of God
THAT HE	HIS ONE AND	ONLY SON (v.1-2)	
Mary Magdalene:			
1 Peter 3:18 Chris	at died for sins once f	for all, the righteous for the	unrighteous, to
The consequences	s of sin:		
John 19:30 Jesus	said, "It is	"	
What did Jesus me	ean when he said tha	at?	
THAT	BELIEVE	CO IN LUM	
		S IN HIM	
Reactions to the e	mpty tomb:		
Mary -			
Peter -			
John -			
How do we come to	to believe? (Romans	s 10:17, John 6:44)	
SHALL NOT PER	ISH, BUT HAVE		
v.16 Jesus said to	her, ""		
And God knows yo	our name, and is cal	lling to you to believe and	follow Him.
John 1:12 To all w	ho	_ him, to those who believ	ved in his name
he gave the right to	o become children c	of God.	

## **Study Questions**

- 1. Read John 20:1-10. Put yourselves in the shoes of the women going to the tomb, to anoint the body of Jesus. What do you think you are talking about as you make your way there?
- 2. After they find the tomb empty, Mary runs and tells Peter and John, and they all run back to the tomb. John gets there first, but doesn't go into the tomb. Peter arrives next, and goes straight in. Mary is devastated, crying and annoyed that someone would take Jesus' body. Whatever Peter was experiencing, we know that he didn't feel worthy to be called a follower of Jesus (since he had denied knowing Jesus) See Mark 16:7. John saw and believed. What are some of the things that make us struggle to believe in Jesus?
- 3. John saw and believed (John 20:8). However verse 9 tells us that they still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead. Many people would say that the story of Easter can't be proved, and yet there is more evidence for death & ressurection of Jesus than almost any other ancient historical event. But belief isn't about proof, and John still didn't understand, and yet believed.
  - Belief is a decision we make based on the Word of God and the drawing of the Holy Spirit. Read Romans 10:17, John 12:32 and John 6:44. Examine these verses. What do they say about coming to faith in Christ?
- 4. Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important to the Gospel? (1 Cor 15:13-19)
- 5. Read John 20:11-18. Mary is standing outside the tomb crying. There are two angels in the tomb who are talking to her, and asking her why she is crying. Who do you think she thought these angels were? Next, Mary saw Jesus, and thinking he was the gardener asked him if he had taken the body away. Why do you think she didn't recognise Jesus?
- 6. Then Jesus called her name, and Mary, all of a sudden, realised that it was Jesus. She held on to Him, and then did what Jesus told her to do - and went and told the others that she had seen the Lord. What can we learn from this with regards to our own relationship to God?