

DISCUSSION IDEAS
THE REST OF THE STORY

Hebrews 9:11-14

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Let's look at what Jesus did on Resurrection Sunday.

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: JESUS' FIRST APPEARANCE.**

In John 20:11-18, who did Jesus appear to first of all?

What is thought to have been this woman's background? (Mark 16:9-20 is almost certainly not part of the original book of Mark, but it may contain some truth.)

How does the story in Luke 7:40-43 (about another woman, also named Mary) shed light on Mary Magdalene's love for Jesus and on her grief?

How does the fact that Jesus appeared first to a woman point to the truthfulness of the account? (That it was not an invented story.)

NOW, what instructions did Jesus give her?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JESUS' FIRST ASCENSION.**

What happened the first time Jesus went to Heaven on that Sunday?

Answer from what we studied earlier in Heb. 1:3-9 and 13 and in 5:5-6. Three things were done.

What was the importance of Jesus being appointed by God the Father as High Priest?

What was Jesus' task?

Where was it accomplished?

How does all this show the uniqueness of Jesus?

♦ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: FORGIVENESS FOR SIN**

From your memories, look up or quote passages that explain what our part is in being forgiven for sin. Look in John 3, Romans 3 (last part of the chapter), 5 and 6 (end of chapter) and Ephesians 2.

Now compare those with Colossians 2:13-14.

What is the visual image of what God has done with our debt of sin?

What part does "being good" have to do with any of this?

♦ **PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

As we think about those who have not yet turned to Jesus, what part does our praying have to do with influencing them? Consider John 6:44.