



**Series:** From Garden to Garden  
**Passage:** John 20/ Isaiah 52-53  
**Title:** The Garden of Resurrection  
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**Discussion Starter** – How many similarities can you find between the recounting of Jesus’ resurrection and the creation poem in Genesis 1? How does Jesus’ resurrection on the first day of a new week, inform you of God’s new creation? How does this key event fit into the narrative that began in Genesis 1-3 and is completed in Revelation 21-22?

**Read John 20:1-18**

1. What did Mary, Peter, and John believe when they saw the empty tomb, (verse 8)? What was their response?
  - a. What is the difference between belief that results in them returning to their homes, unchanged, and belief that transforms a life?
2. Why did Mary continue to hang around the garden? How was her strong desire rewarded?
3. What amazing new relationship with Mary and the disciples does Jesus affirm in verse 17?
  - b. Jesus is the sovereign God and creator of all that exists; but do you consider Him a brother? Why is this relationship so important to Jesus and critical to our salvation?
4. Why is Jesus referred to as the last Adam, (1 Corinthians 15:45)? How was Jesus’ response in His garden different from Adam’s record? How do we benefit from Jesus’ record in His garden, (Romans 5:19)?

**Read Isaiah 52:13- 53:12**

5. How does Jesus perfectly match this description of God’s Servant?
6. What is the “report” that is to be believed?
7. Why was Jesus’ death necessary? How did this His death and resurrection provide us rescue from the penalty and bondage of sin?
  - c. How do we accurately understand God’s justice and wrath and differentiate it from the angry outburst of a pagan deity requiring a sacrifice of appeasement?
8. How was God pleased in the suffering and death of Jesus? What is the prophetic implication of verses 10-12?
  - d. Where do you see yourself in these verses, (10-12)?
9. How does the resurrection advance the promise of the Proto-Evangelium, Genesis 3:15)?
10. How does Paul describe the appropriate response to “believe the report” (Romans 10:9-10)?
  - e. Have you confessed Jesus’ Lordship over your life? What is implied for your future if you believe in Jesus’ resurrection?