

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2026! Leading to Worship Sunday April 5, 2026

Reading: John 20:1-18

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we explore how the open tomb is just one way Jesus welcomes us to him, and our reactions to that welcome! Click here: [Easter 2026 Video](#) Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- It's Easter Sunday! In John's telling, it is still dark when Mary arrives at the tomb, and when she sees the stone rolled away, she runs back to the disciples, but only thinks someone has taken Jesus' body. Peter and another disciple return to the tomb with her.
- Peter looks in and sees the tomb empty, but it is the other, nameless disciple who is first described specifically as believing. "Then the disciples returned to their homes. (John 20:10)
- Mary is still weeping when she looks in the tomb and sees two angels. And when Jesus appears behind her, she thinks he is the gardener, until he calls her by name. Then she recognizes Jesus, the risen Lord!

Two Questions

- Think of all the times you have heard the Easter story. But if you were there, living it, what would you have thought and done? Mary sees the stone moved from the tomb, and thinks the worst. She (at first) runs the other way! Can you think of a time when Jesus was with you and your first reaction was to become scared and run the other way? What called you back?
- For all the detail in John's story (even so far to say that Mary mistook Jesus for the gardener), why do you think we are not told the name of the "other" disciple? Is this simply a lack of facts – we don't know who? Or is there a teaching moment in that the "other" disciple is anyone – is even us – seeing the empty tomb, and believing?

Action Step

- This Easter, race toward the tomb! You are invited to see, and believe! Jesus is Risen!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!