



Called by name

AT A GLANCE



Bible

John 20:1–18



Topic

Resurrection – unbelievable?



Takeaway

Believing honestly, with questions



10–15 minutes



Object: a white cloth



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “Resurrection – unbelievable?”. Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Put the folded cloth in the middle. Ask: What do you believe about the resurrection – honestly?

3 min

Bible text

Read John 20:1–18. Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, thinks the body has been stolen and weeps – until Jesus calls her by name.

5 min

Thought

The first witnesses of the resurrection are women, whose word counted for little in court at the time. The Easter accounts tell of confusion, fear and doubt. Faith here does not come from proof but from encounter: Jesus calls Mary by name.

5 min

Conversation

What would have to happen for the resurrection to be more for you than a line in the creed?



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Prayer to read aloud

Risen One, call me by name too. Take my doubts seriously and meet me in a way that helps me believe. Amen.



To think further

- Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, ... your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14). Is that true for you?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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