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Resurrection Encounters #1- John Son of Zebedee

John 20:1-9 ¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" ³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) (NIV)

- I. Here are some details about John and his **encounter** with the empty tomb.
 - A. John is described as the disciple whom **Jesus loved**. V. 2
 - B. He **outran** Peter to the tomb. V. 3-4
 - C. John **waited** on Peter and let Peter go into the tomb first. V. 5
 - D. He saw and **believed**. V. 8
 - E. He did not connect this with **prophecy** until later. V. 9
- II. What can we learn from John's **encounter** with the empty tomb?
 - A. It is important that we feel comfortable with not having all of the **answers**.
 - B. It is important that we respect those in position of **authority**.
 - C. It is important that we **reflect** on what God has done for us and through us in the past.
 - D. It is important that we have **Scripture** be our guide for interpretation of what is going on around us.