

**MYTHBUSTERS**  
“Only For Perfect People”  
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John 20:11-28 (ESV)

**CENTRAL TRUTH:**

*Since Jesus came to imperfect people, His church needs to become a place where imperfect people come and worship just as they are.*

- 1. The church is for the **broken-hearted** to find their comfort in Christ.** (vv. 11-18)
  - Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene after His resurrection to comfort her.
- 2. The church is for the **fearful** to experience God’s perfect peace.** (vv. 19-21)
  - Jesus appeared to His Disciples after his resurrection to offer them *Shalom*.
- 3. The church is for **skeptics** to experience God’s unfailing love.** (vv. 24-28)
  - Jesus appeared once again to His disciples just for Thomas that he would believe.

**LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**Going Deeper into the Message**

1. Think of your non-Christian friends. What do you think their perceptions are of Christianity? What about their perceptions of you?
2. In your opinion, why do people in the world tend to think that the church is only for perfect people?
3. In what ways do you consider yourself to be self-righteous?
4. When was a time you failed and someone offered you acceptance and grace instead of condemnation you expected? How did this affect you?
5. Who do you show your struggles to? Who do you let see your brokenness? Why do you think it’s often difficult to show your weakness and struggles to people at church?
6. Carefully read John 20:11-28 once again. Out of the three types of people that Jesus appeared to, which one do you identify yourself with in terms of your relationship to Jesus? Mary Magdalene, the Disciples, or Thomas? Please explain your answer by sharing your spiritual journey.
7. Read 2 Corinthians 3:3-6. If you were to write a gospel for the people in your culture, where would you start? How would you explain sin? How would you explain Jesus?
8. What changes are you most looking forward to about the kind of person you will be in heaven? Why not ask God to start making those changes in you now?

**Responding to the Message**

9. What one insight from the message seems most personally significant to you right now and what action can you take in the next week to start putting this into practice or to cooperate with God in bringing about this transformation?