

A	Area of Study: Jn 20-21, Ref. B10/1-22	
B	<p><u>Who Was Mary Magdalene?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Tradition: the penitent sinful woman (Lk 7:36-50), the sister of Martha & Lazarus (Lk 10:38-42, Jn 11), Mary of Bethany Eastern Tradition: three different people She & the other women were witnesses at the empty tomb Both Mary & Mary Magdalene are images of the Church. Mary represents the holiness & purity of the Church; the penitent sinful woman, Mary Magdalene, brings out the weaknesses of the Church. Her journey towards the destination of goodness relies on repentance and the Lord's redemption. "I am black and beautiful": the Church is as holy as she is sinful 	<p>B10/13-14</p> <p>Jn 20:1, Lk 24:1 B10/15</p> <p>Sg 1:5 Note A</p>
C	<p><u>The Contemplative and Hierarchs (or "The Spiritual & Evangelical Schools")</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John highlights the difference between the two Both serves distinct functions within the Church; a balance is necessary 	<p>Jn 20:3-8, 21:4-7 B10/19-20</p>
D	<p><u>The Heart of the Christian Faith lies in the truth of Jesus' Resurrection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The old self dies with Jesus in Baptism so that we may accept suffering. Life has become a participation in Jesus' journey of death (forbearance, sacrifice & suffering become an offering so that fame & wealth, desires, and pleasure-seeking may "die"). As we die with Jesus, we will rise with Him. If Jesus had not risen, our faith would be false and all preaching is empty. This echoes with the Transfiguration The fulfillment of the day of the Son of Man 	<p>Rm 6:3-14 2Cor 12:10</p> <p>1Cor 15:14-19</p> <p>CCC 556 Lk17:24-25 Dan 7:13-14</p>
E	<p><u>Is Jesus' Resurrection Credible?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The empty tomb cannot be sufficient evidence of Jesus' resurrection, but only a mystery awaiting explanation. Has this been created only to support the belief of resurrection? If so, using women as witnesses would be most unconvincing. Even Jesus' opposition does not deny the fact of the empty tomb. Jesus' resurrection has been affirmed by various traditions. In addition, there are multiple witnesses to Jesus' appearances. Why is it necessary to resurrect Jesus' corpse? This cannot be the resurrection of an ordinary person. 	<p>Mt 28:11 G. O'Collins, Interpreting Jesus, p. 126, B10/15 Mt 28:11</p> <p>Jn 20:18, 19-23, 24-29, Jn 21 Lk 24:10, 13-35 G. O'Collins, p 128, Note B</p>
F	<p><u>The Conclusion of the Gospel of John</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An affirmation of the Church The disciples and Jesus' proclamation begins with fishing (Lk 5:1-11) and ends with fishing Peter's betrayal of the Lord begins with "a heap of ashes" and receives his penance under a similar background "My Lord and my God!" – "Lord" (KYRIOS) Gk = YHWH, "God" = HO THEOS (Gk), only used to describe the Heavenly Father in NT Not Sola Scriptura 	<p>B10/16-18 Jn 20:19-23, 21:15-17 Lk 5:1-11, Jn 21:1-11 B10/20, Jn 18:18, 21:9 CCC 446 M. Cook, Responses to 101 Questions, p 94 Jn 21:25 2Pet 2:15</p>