

## FOLLOW THE SIGNS

### Emptying the Tomb

John 20:1-18

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### The Evidence

Mary was standing outside the tomb **crying** and as she wept, she stooped and looked in. She saw two white-robed **angels**, one sitting at the **head** and the other at the **foot** of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. “Dear woman, **why are you crying?**” the angels asked her. (John 20:11-13, NLT)

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My **life** brings **testimony** to his **resurrection**.

Is there something **different** about you?