

# Life assured

The resurrection of Jesus: why we can be certain

John 20:11–18

## Introduction

1. The earthly work of Jesus is done—‘do not cling to me’.

‘Arrested development’—sentimental; sceptical; superstitious

2. The heavenly work of Jesus has begun—‘go and say to them’

‘Father’ on the basis of redemption—John 14:6 ‘I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me’ ESVUK

‘Father’ on the basis of revelation—John 14:9 ‘Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.’ ESVUK

## Conclusion

### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- What was wrong with Mary’s ‘clinging’ to Jesus?
- Why is it better for us that Jesus ascended to the Father?