Where's Jesus?

Would you rather play "peekaboo" or "hide-and-go-seek"?

Read John 20:1-18.

- 1. Why was Mary the first person at the tomb Sunday morning?
 - A. More than anyone else, she longed to see Jesus.
 - B. Mary hadn't been able to sleep, so she went walking.
 - C. The disciples were hiding in fear of the Jewish and Roman leaders.
 - D. Females are more inquisitive.
 - E. Mary wanted to put more perfume on the feet of Jesus.
 - F. She had worked that night and hadn't been to bed yet.
 - G. She could run faster than the disciples, certainly than lumbering Peter.
 - H. Mary believed Jesus would be resurrected as He had said.
 - I. Other.
- 2. Why couldn't anyone find the body of Jesus?
 - A. They didn't know where to look.
 - B. They were looking in the wrong place.
 - C. The Romans moved the body in the middle of the night.
 - D. Joseph and Nicodemus bought it and took it to their place.
 - E. Jesus was very, very good at playing hide-and-go-seek.
 - F. The whole thing was a big cover-up.
 - G. Jesus was alive, not dead.
 - H. The disciples stole the body while Roman soldiers stood guard.
 - I. Other.
- 3. What did both disciples "believe" after they entered the tomb and "saw"?
 - A. Jesus was gone.
 - B. Mary was right in saying the body of Jesus was gone.
 - C. What Jesus had told them before His death was actually true.
 - D. The Scriptures.
 - E. Jesus was resurrected.
 - F. The Roman soldiers were off duty now.
 - G. The Romans would be eliminating the disciples next.
 - H. This was the end of Jesus and His movement.
 - I. Other.

- 4. Why did Jesus appear to Mary first?
 - A. She was His favorite.
 - B. She stayed around instead of leaving.
 - C. This was more important than ascending to His Father.
 - D. This challenged the male-dominated norms of the day.
 - E. She would believe.
 - F. She would pass along the word to others.
 - G. No real reason; that's just the way it happened.
 - H. His disciples were on the run and hiding.
 - I. Other.
- 5. Why didn't the angels help Peter or John or Mary find Jesus?
 - A. That wasn't their job.
 - B. The humans would eventually figure out what happened.
 - C. The angels tried, but the humans simply didn't get it.
 - D. The people got freaked out by the presence of angels.
 - E. Jesus was right there, so it was up to Him to reveal Himself.
 - F. Peter and John lacked observation skills—the angels were there!
 - G. The angels did help.
 - H. Other.
- 6. Why did Jesus tell Mary, "Touch me not" (vs. 17 KJV, TLB)?
 - A. He needed God's approval before human contamination.
 - B. That's a bad translation; "Stop clinging to me" is more accurate.
 - C. Mary wasn't even supposed to see Jesus yet.
 - D. Mary grabbed on and wasn't going to ever let Jesus go again.
 - E. Jesus had a pretty busy agenda and couldn't waste a lot of time.
 - F. It was more important that she go tell His disciples Jesus was alive.
 - G. Jesus really wasn't a "touchy-feely" type of person.
 - H. Other.
- 7. When have you looked for Jesus, but you couldn't find him?
- 8. When have you "seen the Lord" in an "aha" moment like Mary?