

Resurrection of the Son of God

John 20:1-31

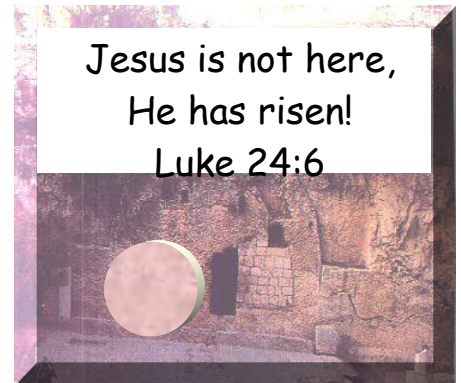
Intro: The resurrection of Jesus Christ on Sunday morning (the third day) and His appearances to Mary Magdalene and to His disciples were recorded by John as the conclusive proof/evidence of the deity of Jesus Christ, and to prove He could impart eternal life to all who *believe* and *receive Him* as their personal Savior from sin and the penalty of death.

I. Mary Magdalene, and Peter and John Visit the Tomb of Jesus 20:1-10

- A. Mary discovers and reports on the empty tomb (vv. 1-2)
- B. Peter and John discover the empty clothes (vv. 3-10)

II. Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene 20:11-18

- A. Mary is confronted by 2 angels in the tomb (vv. 11-13)
- B. Mary is confronted by Jesus outside the tomb (vv. 14-17)
- C. Mary is commissioned to go and tell Jesus' disciples that He has risen from the dead (vv. 17-18)

**III. Jesus Appears to His Disciples, Thomas Absent 20:19-25**

- A. Jesus manifests Himself to His disciples (vv. 19-23)
- B. Thomas refuses to *believe* without conclusive evidence (vv. 24-25)

IV. Jesus Appears to His Disciples, Thomas Present 20:26-29

- A. Jesus challenges Thomas to *believe* in Him (vv. 26-27)
- B. Thomas confesses *faith/belief* in Jesus, "My Lord and my God" (v. 28)

V. Conclusion: John's Purpose Statement 20:30-31

John, of all the Gospel writers, records the clearest *purpose statement* for his writing:

20:30—Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 20:31 but these have been written that you may *believe* that *Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God*; and that *believing you may have life in His name*.

Personal Applications

1. Whereas Jesus' death for sin was *a demonstration of God's love for sinners* (John 3:16); Jesus' bodily resurrection was *a demonstration of God's almighty power!*
"Jesus Christ was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of Holiness, He is Jesus Christ our Lord!"(Rom 1:4)
2. Jesus' resurrection serves as God's guarantee that all who *believe in Jesus* will likewise be raised to eternal life (1 Cor 15:20-23; 51-58). "Christ was raised from the dead, the first fruits of all those who die in Christ"—referring to all born-again believers (1 Cor 15:20)
3. The **Gospel** or "Good News" about Jesus Christ *"Is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also the Greek"* (1 Cor 1:16)
4. Faith in the risen Lord Jesus is possible apart from actually seeing Jesus (20:8; 29)