

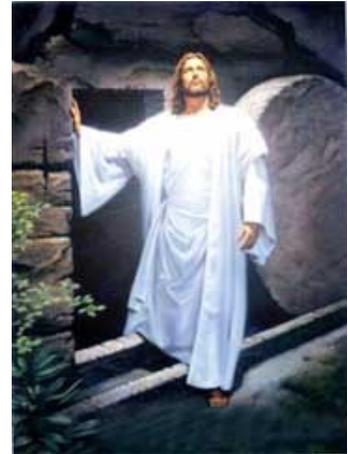
Our Savior Lives

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 grave clothes (vv. 3-10)



Jesus Conquered Death

II. Jesus Manifests Himself 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 Manifests Himself to His Disciples 20:19-29

- A. Jesus manifests Himself to His Disciples, **Thomas Absent** 20:19-25
 - 1. Jesus reveals Himself to 10 of His disciples (vv. 19-23)
 - 2. Thomas refuses to *believe* without conclusive evidence (vv. 24-25)
- B. Jesus manifests Himself to His Disciples, **Thomas Present** 20:26-29
 - 1. Jesus challenges Thomas to **believe** in Him (vv. 26-27)
 - 2. Thomas confesses **faith/belief** in Jesus, "My Lord and my God" (v. 28-29)

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

Of all the Gospel writers, John 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.

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)

Will you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior this morning?