

JOHN 20 | Jesus' Resurrection

Empty Tomb

1 Now on the first day¹ of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,² the one whom Jesus loved (φιλέω, imperf.), and said to them, They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,³ and we⁴ do not know where they have laid him. 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths⁵ lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed (πιστεύω, aor. act.).⁶ 9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.⁷ 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.⁸

Jesus Appears to Mary

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? She said to them, They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.⁹ 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?¹⁰

¹ Sunday.

² John.

³ Mary, Peter, and John all believe someone else has moved Jesus' body—the Jews, the Romans, Joseph, or the gardener.

⁴ Mary was with other women, corroborating the other gospels.

⁵ **Jn 19:40** 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

⁶ Peter and John did not believe in Jesus' resurrection yet. But they did believe Mary's account of the empty tomb.

⁷ Far from stopping the coming of the Messianic kingdom, Jesus' substitutionary death was prerequisite for it. Now Israel and the nations may be cleansed, so that they may be able to enter the Messianic kingdom. Death cannot defeat the Messiah. The resurrection of Messiah, as witnessed by the apostles, is a guarantee that the Messiah will return, judge the nations, and institute the Messianic kingdom. The hero Jesus has won the victory.

⁸ Peter and John continue to be fearful of the Jews and Romans and flee the scene. But Mary stays.

⁹ Mary still believes someone has taken away Jesus' body. Peter and John probably do as well.

¹⁰ **Jn 1:38** 38 Jesus turned and saw [Andrew and John] following and said to them, What are you seeking?

Supposing him to be the gardener,¹¹ she said to him, Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away. 16 Jesus said to her, Mary.¹² She turned and said to him in Aramaic, Rabboni! (which means Teacher).¹³ 17 Jesus said to her,

Stop clinging (ἄπτω, pres.) to me, for I have not yet ascended (ἀναβαίνω, perf.) to the Father. But go to my brothers¹⁴ and say to them, I am ascending (ἀναβαίνω, pres.) to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.¹⁵

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, I have seen the Lord—and that he had said these things to her.¹⁶

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear¹⁷ of the Jews, Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, Peace (εἰρήνη)¹⁸ be with you. 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced (χαίρω, aor. pass.)¹⁹ when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent (ἀποστέλλω, perf.) me, even so I am sending (πέμπω, pres.)²⁰ you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed (ἐμφυσάω, aor.)²¹ on them and said to them,

¹¹ Just as the First Adam was a gardener, so the Second Adam is a gardener. **Ge 2:15** 15 Yahweh God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

¹² **Jn 10:3** 3 The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

¹³ A primary role of Jesus in our lives is that he is Teacher. See *Jesus as Teacher*.

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¹⁶ Mary was granted the privilege of being the first to see the resurrected Jesus.

¹⁷ The disciples’ fear argues against the hypothesis they overcame the Roman soldiers and stole Jesus’ body.

¹⁸ **Jn 14:27** 27 Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

¹⁹ **Jn 16:22** 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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Receive the Holy Spirit.²² 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them. If you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.²³

Jesus Appears to Thomas

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them,

Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe (οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω).

26 Eight days later,²⁴ his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked,²⁵ Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you.²⁶ 27 Then he said to Thomas,

Put your finger here and see my hands. And put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.²⁷

28 Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God (Ὁ κύριός μου καὶ ὁ θεός μου)!²⁸ 29 Jesus said to him,

Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed (μακάριος) are those who have not seen and yet have believed.²⁹

²² **Jn 7:39** 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. **Jn 16:7** 7 ...It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

²³ Jesus gave the apostles disciplining authority in their role of establishing the Church. **Mt 16:19** 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **Mt 18:18** 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **1 Co 5:4-5** 4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

²⁴ Is this the following Sunday or Monday?

²⁵ The disciples are still afraid.

²⁶ This is the third time after his resurrection that Jesus has said this. It is very important to him that the apostles experience peace.

²⁷ Jesus will not give this opportunity to all skeptics. Thomas is filling in for all skeptics as he examines the hands and side of Jesus.

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Purpose of John's Gospel

30 Now Jesus did many other signs (σημεῖα) in the presence of the disciples that are not written in this scroll (βιβλίον). 31 But these are written (γράφω, perf.) so that you may believe (πιστεύω, aor. subj.) that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God (ὁ χριστὸς ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ),³⁰ and that by believing (πιστεύω, pres. act.) you may have (ἔχω, pres. act.) life (ζωή) in his name.³¹

³⁰ **Ps 2:2** 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Yahweh and against his Messiah.... **Ps 2:7** 7 I will tell of the decree: Yahweh said to me, You are my Son. Today I have fathered you.

³¹ This is really the conclusion of the body of John's gospel. Jn 21 is an epilogue, similar to the prologue in Jn 1:1-18.

Biblical Worldview

- 1. Since the fall, the death and resurrection of Jesus was always God's plan.**
 - a. **Jn 20:9** 9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
 - b. **Is 53:10-12** 10 Yet it was the desire of Yahweh to crush him. He has put him to grief. When his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his seed [believers]. He shall prolong his days. The desire of Yahweh shall prosper in his hand [the Messianic kingdom]. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied. By his knowledge shall the Righteous one, my Servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors. Yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

- 2. The apostles were very afraid and not expecting Jesus to rise from the dead.**
 - a. Verses.
 - (1) **Jn 20:9-10** For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.³² 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.³³
 - (2) **Jn 20:19** 19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear³⁴ of the Jews, Jesus came....
 - (3) **Jn 20:26** 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came....
 - b. This cuts against the hypothesis that the disciples overcame the Romans and stole Jesus' body, or that they invented the story of Jesus' resurrection.
 - c. The apostles were extremely slow to believe Jesus' resurrection.

- 3. Mary Magdalene earned the right to see the resurrected Jesus first.**
 - a. Verses.
 - (1) **Lk 8:1-3** 1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.
 - (2) **Jn 19:25** 25 ...But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
 - (3) **Mt 28:1** 1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

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- (4) **Mk 16:1** 1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.
 - (5) **Mk 16:9** 9 Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.
 - (6) **Jn 20:1** 1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.
 - (7) **Lk 24:10** 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,
 - (8) **Jn 20:11** 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.
 - (9) **Ac 1:14** 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women, Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.
- b. Like Mary, we are to relentlessly pursue the presence of Jesus.

4. The resurrected Jesus calls us by name and reveals himself that we may believe.

- a. Verses.
 - (1) **Jn 20:16** 16 Jesus said to her, Mary.³⁵ She turned and said to him in Aramaic, Rabboni! (which means Teacher).³⁶
 - (2) **Jn 20:20** 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced (χαίρω, aor. pass.)³⁷ when they saw the Lord.
 - (3) **Jn 20:27-28** 27 Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands. And put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.³⁸ 28 Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God (Ὁ κύριός μου καὶ ὁ θεός μου)!³⁹
- b. Cross-references.
 - (1) **Jn 9:35-38** 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, Do you believe in the Son of Man? 36 He answered, And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him? 37 Jesus said to him, You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you. 38 He said, Lord, I believe, and he worshiped him.
 - (2) **Jn 10:3** 3 The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- c. Jesus deals with each one of us as individuals. The moment of faith in Jesus is very very personal.

5. In God's plan, Jesus' ascension had to follow his resurrection.

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6. Having conquered sin and death, Jesus elevated the disciples to a new level of intimacy, mission, and power.

- a. Intimacy.
- (1) **Jn 20:17** 17 But go to my brothers⁴² [the disciples] and say to them, I am ascending (ἀναβαίνω, pres.) to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.⁴³
- b. Mission.
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- (2) **Lk 10:16** 16 The one who hears you hears me, the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.
- c. Power.
- (1) **Jn 20:22-23** 22 And when he had said this, he breathed (ἐμφυσάω, aor.)⁴⁵ on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.⁴⁶ 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them. If you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.⁴⁷

7. There is hope even for skeptics, because Jesus' resurrection is historically verifiable.

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- a. Like skeptics today, Thomas demanded direct physical evidence of Jesus' resurrection.
 - (1) **Jn 20:25** 25 But [Thomas] said to [the other disciples], Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe (οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω).
 - (2) A question we may ask skeptics is: "What evidence would be sufficient for you to believe in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and his claim to be Messiah and Son of God?"
 - (3) The people of ancient times were no more gullible than we are today.
- b. Jesus provided the evidence Thomas demanded.
 - (1) **Jn 20:27** 27 Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands. And put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.⁴⁸
 - (2) Jesus is not obligated to provide direct physical evidence to anyone. The eyewitness testimony of the apostles is sufficient. See *Apostles and Witness Testimony*.
 - (3) The Christian faith is a reasonable faith, not a blind faith.
- c. Skeptics who objectively examine the evidence for Jesus often come to believe in him.
 - (1) **Jn 20:28** 28 Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God (Ὁ κύριός μου καὶ ὁ θεός μου)!⁴⁹
 - (2) Examples:
 - (a) Lee Strobel
 - (b) J. Warner Wallace
 - (3) There is more than sufficient evidence to believe in Jesus.

8. To believe based on the apostles' testimony beats believing based on first-hand experience.

- a. **Jn 20:29** 29 Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed (μακάριοι) are those who have not seen and yet have believed.⁵⁰
- b. See *Apostles and Witness Testimony*.

9. John's gospel is purposefully selective.

- a. **Jn 20:30** 30 Now Jesus did many other signs (σημεῖα) in the presence of the disciples that are not written in this scroll (βιβλίον). 31 But these are written (γράφω, perf.) so that....
- b. Cross-reference.
 - (1) **Jn 21:25** 25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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10. The agenda of John's gospel is faith in Jesus leading to life.

- a. **Jn 20:31** 31 But these [signs] are written (γράφω, perf.) so that you may believe (πιστεύω, aor. subj.) that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God (ὁ χριστός ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ),⁵¹ and that by believing (πιστεύω, pres. act.) you may have (ἔχω, pres. act.) life (ζωή) in his name.
- b. The content of the Great Confession (Mt 16:18) is exactly five facts:
 - (1) Jesus is the Messiah (Mt 16:16; 26:63-64; Ro 1:3; 1 Co 15:3; Jn 20:31).
 - (a) **Jn 10:24-25** 24 So the Jews gathered around [Jesus] and said to him, How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and you do not believe.
 - (2) Jesus is the Son of God (Mt 16:16; Jn 20:31; Ro 1:3-4).
 - (a) **Jn 10:36** 36 ...Do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, You are blaspheming, because I [Jesus] said, I am the Son of God?
 - (3) Jesus died for our sins (Jn 19:30; 1 Co 15:3).
 - (4) Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day (Jn 20:16, 20; 1 Co 15:4-8; Ro 1:4)
 - (5) All this was in accordance with the Old Testament Scriptures (1 Co 15:3-4).
- c. Cross-references in *John*.
 - (1) **Jn 1:4** 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
 - (2) **Jn 3:15-16** 15 ...That whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
 - (3) **Jn 3:36** 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.
 - (4) **Jn 4:14** 14 ...Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.
 - (5) **Jn 5:24** 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.
 - (6) **Jn 5:29** 29 ...Those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.
 - (7) **Jn 5:39-40** 39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.
 - (8) **Jn 6:27** 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.
 - (9) **Jn 6:33** 33 ...The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
 - (10) **Jn 6:35** 35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

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- (11) **Jn 6:40** 40 ...This is the desire of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
 - (12) **Jn 6:47** 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.
 - (13) **Jn 6:48** 48 I am the bread of life.
 - (14) **Jn 6:53-54** 53 So Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
 - (15) **Jn 6:63** 63 It is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
 - (16) **Jn 6:68** 68 Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life....
 - (17) **Jn 8:12** 12 Again Jesus spoke to them saying, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
 - (18) **Jn 10:10** 10 The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
 - (19) **Jn 10:28** 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.
 - (20) **Jn 11:25** 25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live....
 - (21) **Jn 12:25** 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
 - (22) **Jn 12:50** 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.
 - (23) **Jn 14:6** 6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
 - (24) **Jn 17:2-3** 2 ...Because you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Messiah whom you have sent.
- d. Cross-references outside of *John*.
- (1) **1 Ti 6:12** 12 Take hold [in phase two] of the eternal life to which you were called [in phase one] and about which you made the good confession [faith and water baptism] in the presence of many witnesses.