



Opening

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 50** *What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?
- **Answer.** Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.
- **Scripture Reference. 1 Thessalonians 4:13–14**

March 31 Sermon - Study Questions

- **John 20:1-18**
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage

- **Questions**
 1. After reading the accounts of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, why do you think that John details things the way that he did? How does this align with his purpose for the book found in John 20:30-31?
 2. What prophecies are fulfilled in these passages? What does that show us about God's providence?
 3. What is the significance of "saw" in ch.20?
 4. Why do you think John mentions that Jesus' face cloth was folded?
 5. Why was it important to record that there were two men who witnessed the empty tomb?

6. Why was it a significant detail to record Mary Magdalene as the first eye-witness of the resurrected Christ?
7. John lays out many details to show the validity of the resurrection of Jesus. What is the significance of the resurrection? Look at 1 Corinthians 15:17, 20, 42.
8. How does the resurrection prove that the cross was effective?
9. Look at Jesus' words in John 20:17. What relational transformation is seen in Christ's followers?
10. How does the resurrection effect our lives?

Closing

- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism