

“He Must Rise” • John 20

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Intro • How did you encounter Jesus most tangibly?

Scene I • Peter, John & Mary enter the tomb

Vs 1–2 • Mary enters the garden

#1 • He had to rise for their FAITH (1 Peter 1:20–21)

Vs 3–9 • Peter and John see _____ and believe

#2 • He had to rise because God PROMISED He would

John 19:25, Isaiah 53:10; Key: Psalm 16:10–11

#3 • He had to rise because He was SINLESS (Psalm 16)

#4 • He had to rise to EMPOWER us to live holy lives (Eph 1:18–20)

Scene II • Mary Encounters Jesus

Vs 10–12 • Mary enters the tomb after John & Peter leave

Vs 13–14 • Jesus speaks to Mary from the doorway; she doesn't recognize Him

Vs 15 • Mary is weeping and distressed

#5 • He had to rise to turn SORROW TO JOY

Vs 16–17 • Mary grabs hold of Jesus and won't let go! He says He must ascend to the Father

#6 • He had to rise to TRIUMPH over satan

Vs 18 • Mary reports Jesus' resurrection to the disciples.

Scene III • Jesus Appears in the Upper Room

Vs 19 • The disciples are hiding in fear of the Jews

#7 • He had to rise so the disciples could be UNAFRAID

Vs 20 • Jesus shows His wounds to them

#8 • He had to rise to be the SECOND ADAM, to reign on the earth

Vs 21–23 • Covered last Thursday night

Scene IV • Jesus Appears to Thomas

Vs 24–26a • The longest eight days in Thomas' life!

Vs 26b–27 • Jesus' wounds speak of His love (Isaiah 49:16)

#9 • He had to rise so we could SEE HIS SCARS of eternal love

Vs 18 • Thomas answers, “My Lord and my God”

#10 • He had to rise to ERASE ALL DOUBTS

Application: We must PRAY for the Thomases who need to see more in order to believe. May God reveal Jesus to them in a tangible way!