

Title: Jesus The Servant: The Empty Tomb. Scripture: John 20:1-18 Date: 04012018 Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: The resurrection of Jesus changes everything.

Vs. 1

Now on the first day of the week- We have to recall that Jesus was crucified on a Friday. This was also called the day of preparation because the Sabbath was on Saturday. The burial of Jesus was rushed. This day was now Sunday, or the first day of the week.

Mary Magdalene Went to the tomb early- In the Gospel of Luke we see that the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee were there and prepared spices and perfumes. They rested on the sabbath. Now on this first day of the week they returned to the tomb to complete their work.

Stone had been taken away- After Jesus was crucified (on a friday) He was placed in the tomb and stone had been placed over the entrance. It was protected by Roman guards. John notes that this stone was rolled away.

Vs. 2

They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb- Her first reaction was that the body had been taken

Vs. 3-4

So they both ran together- Peter and the 'other' disciple began to run towards the tomb together.

The other disciple outran Peter- The other disciple refers to John, the author of this Gospel. Maybe John was younger or maybe he was just built to run. In either case he highlights that this 'other disciple' was faster.

Vs. 5

Saw the linen-Saw- To see with your eyes. (Blepo).

The whole point of the description is that the grave-clothes did not look as if they had been put off or taken off; they were lying there in their regular folds as if the body of Jesus had simply evaporated out of them.-Barclay

(John) Did not go in- John won the race but did not go into the tomb.

Vs. 6-7

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb- After arrived at the tomb he stops running only to walk right in.

Saw the linen- To study carefully (Thereo)

Peter was impulsive by nature. John was contemplative.

Natural temperaments are not changed by conversion. - Mounce

Vs. 8

Saw and believed- To get it; idea. (Eido).

John saw the evidence and simply believed in Jesus.

Vs. 9

He must rise again from the dead- Christianity different from every other religion or belief out there. Why? Because Jesus died and rose again.

The resurrection proves that though it looked like Jesus died on the cross as a common criminal He actually died as a sinless man, out of love and self-sacrifice to bear the guilt of our sin. The death of Jesus on the cross was the payment, but the resurrection was the receipt, showing that the payment was perfect in the sight of God the Father.-Guzik

Vs. 10-11

weeping- The original language suggest Mary did not shed quiet tears. We see that this was more a loud lamentation.

Vs. 12

Two angles- Jesus died between two criminals but burial place had two angels.

Vs. 13-14

And did not know that it was Jesus- Mary did not recognize that it was Jesus.

Vs. 15-16

Mary-

On hearing her name, Mary suddenly realized that it could be none other than Jesus. She had seen him placed in the tomb as a lifeless corpse. But now He spoke. He was alive!- Mounce

Vs. 17

Go to my brethren- Jesus refers to the disciples as brothers.

My Father and your Father- Notice how Jesus illustrates that while God is both His Father and our Father, there is a difference in the relationship.

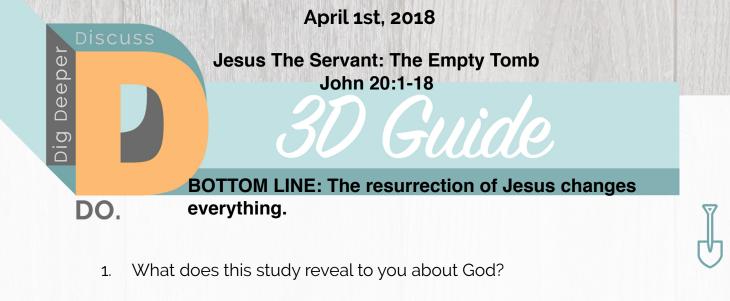
Vs. 18

By telling others about the resurrected Jesus Mary demonstrated her love for Jesus. She worshiped him.

Mary Magdalene

Jesus casts out seven demons out of Mary-Luke 8:2 She would be known as the first person to see the risen Lord- Vs. 14 She knew the voice of Jesus.-Vs. 16 As a result she worship Jesus.-Vs. 18

Mary's troubled past didn't disqualify her from seeing Jesus.



- 2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
- 3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
- 4. What is your prayer for today?

DISCUSS.

- 1. How do you think Mary felt when she discovered the empty tomb?
- 2. How do you think Peter and John felt when they heard the news of the empty tomb? Now compare that to when they 'saw' the wraps neatly put away.
- 3. Mary must have felt an incredible amount of joy when she heard the Lord say her name. Think of a time in your life when you were reminded that you belong to the Lord. How did that make you feel in your situation?

DO.

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on <u>blueletterbible.com</u> or with their app.

