

John 20

He has Risen!

I. Empty Tomb

1 Now on the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was **still dark**, and saw *that* the **stone had been taken away** from the tomb.

- **First day of Week:** Sunday. Ladies first...
 1. Mary Magdalen and other ladies [as per Mark]
 2. Get there while still dark

There are fears which some cannot shake off in the dark, and those fears would be apt to become intensified in going to a [grave] in the dark; but love wakes early to try to find Christ [Spurgeon]

Stone has been moved...not to let Jesus out but to let ladies in

2 Then [Mary Magdalen] **ran** and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and **we do not know where they have laid Him.**"

- Mary tells Peter and John...whom Jesus loved

We don't know where the put Him? No thought of Resurrection?

Mark 16:21 [After Peter confessed Jesus as Christ...] Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be **raised the third day.**

- Jesus has gone missing
- Kid in Sunday school came home crying because of what teacher said

They asked if I found Jesus yet ...they think I took Him

- Mary tells boys Jesus is missing from the tomb...

3 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. **4** So they **both ran together**, and the other disciple **outran Peter** and came to the tomb first.

- **Race to the tomb:** John won. Loving every minute of writing this part of story

5 And he [John], stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; **yet he did not go in.**

- John at tomb first does not go in. Blown away!

6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, **7** and the handkerchief that had been

around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. 8 **Then** the other disciple, who **came to the tomb first**, went in also; and **he saw and believed**. 9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. 10 Then the disciples **went away again to their own homes**.

- **Peter arrives...immediately goes in and sees:**
 1. Linen cloths lying as if someone laid them there
 2. Handkerchief that was on Jesus head
 - Not with other cloths
 - Folded in place by itself
 - Jesus was in no hurry that morning

John! Check this out!

- John [*who came to the tomb first*] now goes in
- Saw and believed...blown away
- They did not know the Scripture regarding the resurrection...

Psalm 16:10 [David] For You will not **leave my soul** in Sheol [place of death], Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, **He shall see His seed**, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 **He shall see the labor of His soul**, and be satisfied.

- Difference between reading a verse of Scripture and knowing it
- Jews to this day believe Isaiah 52-53 is regarding Israel as suffering servant

He shall see His seed. He shall see the labor of His soul? Us.

Hebrews 12:2b... [Jesus] who for the **joy that was set before Him** endured the cross

We are to take God's Word literally even when it seems impossible

- Commentators before 1948 found difficult to believe Israel would be back
- Spurgeon preached at a time when there was no Israel

I should not wonder if there are other words of Scripture, with regard to the future, which we should comprehend if we took them exactly as they stand in the Word; but we have put other meanings upon them, and consequently see no further into them.

- We take God's Word literally.
- Scripture said Messiah would rise from the dead. **Jesus rose from the dead**

SUMMARY Empty Tomb

II. Risen Lord

11 But **Mary [Magdalene] stood outside** by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw **two**

angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the **body of Jesus had lain.**

**Mary weeping, hesitating to look. Stoops down to see...
Two angels at ends of a rectangle slab?**

- **Ark of Covenant:** Presence of God with His people. At Temple and in Battle
 1. **Ark:** Wooden Box covered with Gold: Jesus humanity/Jesus Deity
 2. **Mercy Seat:** Slab of Wood covered with Gold. Lid of the Box
 3. **2 Gold Angels:** One at either end of Mercy seat facing one another

[Mary] saw two angels in white sitting, **one at the head and the other at the feet**
...Where the body of the one who showed her mercy had been.

13 Then [the angels] said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, **why are you weeping?** Whom are you seeking?"

- **Angels:** Why are you weeping? Taken **my** lord. Mary turns looks outside tomb...
- **Jesus:** Why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?

15b... She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

- **Supposed He was gardener:** Did not like the corpse in the way and moved it?
- Jesus either camouflaged, cloaked, or Mary supernaturally kept from seeing...
- Or his wounds from torture are still there. We know He still has wounds in hands

Mark 16:12 [Road to Emmaus] [Jesus] **appeared in another form** to two of them

Christ is near thee, poor soul, near thee in thy trouble, but thou dost not know that it is Jesus. Open thine eyes, may God the Holy Spirit touch them with his heavenly eye-salve, that thou mayest see that it is Christ Himself who is close beside thee! [Spurgeon]

1. Mary's mad... believes that whoever it is, is messing with her
2. Mary [Lazarus sister] woman who likes to get to the point...

John 11:32 Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "**Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.**"

- **Here to gardener:** I don't know who you are...**Just tell me where He is!**

16 Jesus said to her, "**Mary!**" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

- Mary! Teacher?

John 10:3 ... [Great Shepherd] ...**calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out. **4** And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they **know his voice**. **5** Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they **do not know the voice of strangers.**"

- We are not concerned with voice of strangers.
- We recognized the voice of Jesus. Voice of teacher, friend, shepherd...**voice of God**

"Never was a one-word utterance more charged with emotion than this." (Tasker) "Jesus can preach a perfect sermon in one word." [Spurgeon]

Mary now knows...He is Risen!
Mary falls at down and grabs Jesus feet. "You're not leaving me again!"

- **Puts to rest the question of life after death:** Our soul is Eternal

17 Jesus said to her, **"Do not cling to Me,** for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am **ascending** to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

- **My Father and Your Father**

1. Jesus in His humanity is our brother
2. Jesus is only begotten Son... we are His adopted brothers. Adopted by Father

Mark 14:36 [Jesus said] **"Abba,** [daddy] Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Romans 8:15 ... you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, **"Abba, Father."**

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, **"Abba, Father!"** [My Father and your Father]

Hebrews 2:11 He is not ashamed to call [us] brethren

3. He is relating to Mary...numbering Himself with her and the boys

- **My God and your God**

1. Jesus and God equal in all ways: Within Godhead God Son submits God Father
 2. Thus...God the Father is Jesus the man's God. God the Father is our God
- Don't get thrown... Jesus is as much God as the Father is God
 - Jesus calls the Father His God. God the Father in turn also calls **Jesus God**

Hebrews 1:8 But to the Son [God the Father] says: **"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;** A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

- **View from within Triune Godhead:** Father is God. Son is God. Spirit is God
- **View from outside looking in:** One God revealed 3 persons; Father, Son and Spirit

Don't hold on to Me. God tell **"My Brethren"** Come to Me before I ascend to the Father

Psalm 22:22 [Prophesied 1000 yrs. earlier] I will declare Your name to **My brethren**; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had **seen the Lord**, and that He had spoken these things to her.

- First one to see Jesus is a woman
- First one to see Jesus was delivered from seven demons
- First one to see Jesus was probably a prostitute...all equal at foot of cross

SUMMARY Mary Magdalen Sees the Risen Lord

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the **doors were shut** where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, **Jesus came and stood in the midst**, and said to them, "**Peace be with you.**"

- **Sunday night:** Doors shut/Disciples hiding
- **Jesus appears in middle of them**

Peace be with you

- **Peace:** Be at rest. Quiet your soul.

Psalm 42:5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you **disquieted** within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance.

- **No peace without the Prince of Peace...**

20 When He had said this, He showed them **His hands** and **His side**.

Revelation 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as **though it had been slain...**

- Why? That we may always be reminded of His love for us

20b... Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

- **Glad:** CC def. "Blown away with joy"

21 So Jesus **said to them again**, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He **breathed on them**, and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit**. 23 If you **forgive the sins** of any, they are forgiven them; if you **retain the sins** of any, they are retained."

- **Commissioned to preach the Gospel:** I send you to finish what I started
- **Equipped to preach the Gospel:** Breathed them; received anointing to preach

Only God can forgive sin so what does it mean "If you forgive, they are forgiven?"

- Apostles are to present the "Offer forgiveness" of sin through Jesus blood.

1. If they accept assure them of My forgiveness.
2. If they reject warn them of the consequences...and move on
3. Not talking about Catholic so-called priests forgiving sins after someone repeats a prayer to Mary 15 times exactly as Jesus warns against...

Matthew 6:7 And when you pray, **do not use vain repetitions** as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

Matthew 23:9 Do not call **anyone on earth your father**; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

III. Seeing and Believing

24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [Had a Pity-party. Missed seeing the Lord] 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And **after eight days** His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "**Peace to you!**" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

- **Thomas the Twin:** Looked like Jesus
- Doubter gave one of the most definitive claims of Jesus deity in entire Bible

My Lord and My God...No rebuke from Jesus

- **John got a little carried away seeing vision in Revelation...**

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "**See that you do not do that!** I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. **Worship God!**"

Revelation 22:8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell **down to worship before the feet of the angel** who showed me these things. 9 Then he said to me, "**See that you do not do that.** For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God.**"

- Only God is to be worshiped Jesus accepts worship. Jesus is God

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

- John omits many things other 3 Gospel writers wrote

- Things John included was that the reader might believe and have life
- We must believe that Jesus is God to be saved...to have Everlasting Life in His Name

Isaiah 43:10 "You are My witnesses," says the Lord, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that **I am He**. Before Me **there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.**

John 8:23 ...for if you do not believe that **I am He**, you will die in your sins."

- Believing in His Name means believing in Jesus as revealed clearly in the Word...

My Lord and My God

Malachi 4:2 ...to you who fear My name **The Sun of Righteousness shall arise** With healing in His wings...

SUMMARY That You May Believe