

I. Introduction: Jesus appeared to Mary and the disciples proving that He had paid for sin and conquered death, radically changing the world forever.

II. Jesus, Risen From the Dead! (John 20:11-23)

A. Jesus Appears to the Broken-hearted (vv. 11-13).

1. Mary returned to the gravesite and was overwhelmed by her grief, but God sent two angels to testify to her about Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

B. Jesus Appears to the Seeking (vv. 14-18).

1. Jesus came to Mary first because she sought Jesus, even though she believed that He was dead. He will always come to those who love and seek Him.

C. Jesus Appears to the Fearful (vv. 19-20).

1. The disciples were hiding from the Jews, and the doors were shut because they were afraid of being arrested after the murder of their Master.

D. Jesus Appears to the Anxious (vv. 21-23).

1. Jesus appeared to fearful disciples and commissioned them to go into the world to proclaim the Gospel just as He was sent by the Father.

III. Conclusion: Jesus came to His disciples to reveal His victory over death and He commissioned them to carry the Good News of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Study Questions: Jesus, Risen From The Dead!

1. What would it take to convince you that someone had risen from the dead? How much evidence would you need? Would you accept a written account? Video evidence?
2. Who did Jesus appear to first? **(20:11-19)** Why did Mary return to the tomb? **(v. 11)** What did she notice when she stooped down to look into the tomb? **(v. 12)**
3. What did the angels ask Mary? **(John 20:13-15)** Who did Mary see behind her? **(v. 14)** Who did she think Jesus was? **(v. 14)** Why was it significant she thought He was a gardener?
4. What did Jesus say that gave away His identity? **(John 20:16-18)** What did Jesus say about His sheep? **(John 10:25-30)** Why did Jesus tell Mary not to cling to Him? **(v. 17)**
5. What were the Apostles doing when Jesus entered? **(John 20:19-23)** How did He get inside a locked room? **(v. 19)** Why were they frightened of Him? How did He calm their fears?
6. What evidence did He offer them to prove His identity? **(John 20:20-21; Luke 24:38-43)** Why is it significant that Jesus is alive? How did Jesus commission them? **(v. 21)**
7. Why did Jesus “breathe on them”? **(John 20:22-23)** What was this a reference to in the Bible? **(Gen 2:7; Ezek 37:9)** How did Jesus make them a new creation? **(2 Cor 5:17)**
8. What would it take to convince you that Jesus is alive? Have you personally met the risen Jesus? Has He changed your life? **(John 3:1-10)** Do you live a transformed life?

Prayer

1. Pray and ask God to calm your fears by taking them on Himself and carrying them.
2. Ask Jesus to help you to live the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit.