



# JOHN 20

*"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.*

*- Jn 20:8-9.*

The crucifixion, an act of immense suffering, demonstrated Jesus's profound willingness to sacrifice Himself for humanity. Many have died, and many have claimed their death was for a cause, but the resurrection of Jesus sets Him apart. It wasn't merely the act of dying that held significance, but what followed: His return to life. Jesus said in John 10:17-18, "...I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." This "power to take it again" is the crux of His divinity. Any human can die; only God can raise Himself from the dead.

John's own experience testifies to this. Upon reaching Jesus's empty tomb, he "saw and believed" (John 20:8). The empty tomb wasn't just the absence of a body; it was the absence of death's power over Jesus. It was the Lightbulb moment where John was able to connect all the dots and bring him to belief. But more than that, it was the ultimate display of God's power to conquer both sin and death. The resurrection is the undeniable evidence that Jesus is not just a man, but the Son of God, who holds the keys to life eternal. It is this act that validates His claims and offers humanity the certainty of salvation and future hope. Ultimately, this truth calls for a response of faith, as Jesus Himself asked, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26).

**What evidence, whether historical, personal, or spiritual, has brought us to the point of belief? What was your lightbulb moment?**

## Discussion Questions

1. Psalm 16 speaks of God not leaving His Holy One to see corruption. In what ways does this Old Testament passage provide a foundation for believing in the physical resurrection of Jesus, and how does that physicality impact our understanding of eternal life? (Psalm 16, Acts 2, Acts 13)
2. How does the Old Testament agricultural metaphor of "firstfruits," which Paul references in 1 Corinthians, help us grasp the significance of Jesus's resurrection for our own future resurrection, and what does it imply about the order and nature of resurrected life? (1 Corinthians 15:20)
3. How does Hebrews 7:25 show Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament "mediator" and shape our relationship with Him in prayer? (Hebrews 7:25)
4. How does Colossians 3:1-2 encourage us to refocus our hope on eternal realities in light of Jesus's resurrection? (Colossians 3:1-2)
5. How does the resurrection, as presented in Revelation 1:18 "I am He who lives, and was dead..." give me confidence in the face of death and loss, both my own and that of loved ones? (Revelation 1:18)