

## John 20

### **The Empty Tomb.**

- 1** Stone removed. Not to let The Lord out but to let disciples in.
- 2** Mary Magdalene runs to Peter and John. She assumes that the body has been stolen.
- 3-7** First John then Peter reaches the tomb but instead of chaos they find order – no thief or grave robber was responsible for this.
- 8** Finally John enters and it dawns upon him what had happened.
- 9** Up until now the disciple had not realized that the Old Testament scriptures show that Jesus had to rise from the dead.
- 10-13** They go but Mary remains weeping with sorrow. Her reply to the angels question shows that she did not anticipate His resurrection.
- 14-16** The Lord's first resurrection appearance. Mary does not recognize Him. Until she hears His voice.
- 17** Mary wants to cling to Him but a new spiritual relationship now exists. Jesus is returning to The Father but He is also our Father.
- 18** The good news.
- 19-20** The Lord stands among the disciples. Note the emotions; fear, overjoyed peace conferred by The Prince of peace.
- 21** Our Lord commissions the disciples. Peace equals security, certainty, salvation.
- 22** Our Lord anticipates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost to indwell and empower the disciples.
- 23** The power to forgive sins was through the gospel message they were to proclaim. Only those who believed would be forgiven.
- 24-28** Thomas demands proof. Upon receiving it he confesses his faith in the risen Lord.
- 29** Faith in the Word of God and the testimony of the disciples means a greater blessing.
- 30-31** Again the purpose John had in mind, is writing this gospel to give us the facts concerning the early life, claims and miracles of the Lord Jesus Christ; that we may come to believe in Him and receive eternal life.

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**Appendix.** An afterthought to give a clear account of certain words of the Lord Jesus which had been misunderstood.

**1-3** Peter and the other fishermen return to their trade.

**4-8** The Risen Lord appears and after disappointment under His instruction they haul in a large catch. John says, "It is The Lord".

**9-14** Invited to breakfast.

**15-17** Three times Peter is challenged, "do you love Me?" No more boasting from Peter, he had learned a great lesson from his three fold denial. His responsibility would be to feed and nurture God's people. Sheep and lambs.

**18, 19** Peter's service would lead to martyrdom.

**20, 21** Peter wants to know, 'what about John'?

**22** 'That is really not your business'.

**23** To what mistaken interpretation did this give rise? That the second coming would occur in John's lifetime.

**24-25** John signs off.