

I. Examine - John 20:1-10

1. The first day of the week (**verse 1**)
 - A. Sabbath began on Friday
-concluded at the same time on Saturday
 - B. Also the third day since crucifixion
 - C. Friday - death on the cross
Saturday - silent day
Sunday - resurrection day
2. Mary Magdalene - comes
-only Mary is mentioned in John (compare Matt. 28:1-8; Luke 23:53-24:10)
-the single mention of Mary does not mean the others were not there
3. Yet dark
-there is a stone - but taken away
4. Just as the single mention of Mary does not mean others were not there - so the mention of Simon and the “other” does not preclude others being there (**verse 2**)
5. The other disciple - is the one whom Jesus loved
-John refused to mention himself by name (see 13:23-24; 21:7,20)
6. She concludes that someone had taken the body
-the word “we” means there were others
-she does not mention at all the idea of resurrection
- Rea 7. The fact that they did not believe (yet) means they were just like us - they (like us) had to be convinced
8. Peter and John head to the tomb (**verse 3**)
9. They ran (**verse 4**)
-they were in a hurry to see
-John comes first
- Rea -Peter and Jesus paid taxes -must be 21 to pay taxes (in another story) - that probably meant that only he and Jesus were old enough to pay taxes - sometimes old people run slower???
10. Stoops down and looks in (**verse 5**)
-saw the lie of the clothing
11. Peter arrives and enters the tomb (**verse 6**)
-the clothes remain
-grave robbers would not have removed the clothing
-the napkin is not with the other clothing - but by itself as if taken off (**verse 7**)
12. John enters - sees and believes (**verse 8**)
-neither he nor John understood the Scripture that He must rise from the dead (**verse 9**)
-Jesus prophesied His resurrection - Mt. 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32; Luke 9:21-22; 18:31-34
-Psalm 16:9-10 should have led them to expect a resurrection
13. They return to their homes (**verse 10**)
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Discuss the evidence of His resurrection - like a law court, we must put our evidence

- together to draw a conclusion
2. What does the doctrine of the resurrection mean?
-what does it mean for believers in 2023?
 3. Disciples seem quicker to “believe” than the women - why do you think that might have been?

II. Questions - John 20:11-13

1. Mary stands there weeping (**verse 11**)
-she (also) stoops and looks
-she must have followed Peter and John to the tomb
-she still believes that His body has been removed
2. Two angels (**verse 12**)
-Peter and John report no angels
Rea -extra evidence for Mary??
-one at the head and the other at the feet - like the mercy seat?
3. Why are you crying? - they have taken my Lord away (**verse 13**)
Rea -“they” have taken him - who is the “they” that Mary mentions?
Rea -the truth of His resurrection dawns on people in different ways and at different junctures - it is just the same today
Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Many have questions about who Jesus was and why He did what He did - or not
-it is okay to have questions - it ought to be okay - even at church
 2. What about this - God gives to people what they need to believe
Thomas was given an appearance where Jesus challenges him to put his hand in His side
 3. Would two angels be enough for you?

III. Witness - John 20:14-18

1. She turned herself back (**verse 14**)
-and saw Jesus - but did not know it was Jesus
2. Why did she not recognize Jesus?
>eyes were blurry from tears
>she took a quick glance
Rea >until the right time her recognition was withheld
3. Woman why are you crying? (**Verse 15**)
Rea -the same thing that the two angels said to Mary
-she thought Jesus was the gardener - assumes he knew where Jesus was
Rea -note, does not seem to even consider that Jesus might be raised
4. “Mary” (**verse 16**)
-“Rabboni” - master
-she must have reached for Him because of verse 17
5. Don’t touch me (**verse 17**)
-at Mt. 28:9 - other women cling to Jesus
-because... I’ve not returned to my Father
Rea -interesting - she was not to touch, yet Thomas was encouraged to touch Him - put your finger in my side

6. She is instructed to go to my brethren - tell them I ascend to my Father
7. Mary had already made one report - now she has fuller knowledge (**verse 18**)

- “I have seen the Lord”

- she had a personal experience of Jesus

Rea -to be genuinely saved we, too, need to have a personal experience with Jesus

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Everyone experience of Jesus is different???
2. Theology was not what saved her - changed her - it was seeing Jesus for herself
3. It was she who told the disciples - not the other way around
4. Imagine if you were the disciples and Mary told you... would you believe her?

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