

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD - JOHN 20 : 1-31

BIBLE STUDY



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Read John 20 : 1-31

- Looking back over the chapter (**and also chapter 19 : 38-42**), where do we see the evidence of a physical resurrection?
- Why do you think the resurrection is so important for us as believers?
See Acts 2 : 32-33; 1 Corinthians 15 : 13.
- What would be missing for the disciples, and for us today, if the resurrection hadn't happened?

This section of John's gospel (chapters 11-20) started with the amazing resurrection of Lazarus and ends with the resurrection of Jesus.

- With these bookends, what main message do you think John wants us to take away from this part of his gospel?
- Why do we sometimes lose sight of the hope offered by Jesus in the face of death?



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In **verse 17**, Jesus gives brave Mary a message to pass on to the disciples, who were 'locked up for fear of the Jews' (v.19)

- How do you think the specific language Jesus uses in this message would have been intensely comforting to the disciples?

Read verses 19-23. How specifically did Jesus transform the disciples' fear into courage?

Note: Verse 23 translates better from the Greek as Jesus teaching the disciples that they did not themselves have the right to issue forgiveness, but that they proclaimed forgiveness through the message of the Gospel.



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As we look back over this chapter, ask yourself:

- What changes took place in the lives of the people who met the risen Jesus?
- How was this significant in the birth of the early church?

Can you testify to this change in your life since you gave your life to him?

SHARE SOME OF YOUR STORIES OF HIS TRANSFORMING POWER IN YOUR LIFE.



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THINK & PRAY



- How does this passage help us to see that Jesus is the Son of God?
- What does it mean to have life in his name?
- What does a response to belief in Jesus look like?