



John

Lesson 20 Chapter 20

“It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.” John 19:30. Jesus was dead. Not just unconscious, not in a state of shock, but totally, physically dead. John 19 with the other gospels gives the gruesome account of the most significant and vital event in the history of the world. The promise of hope to all mankind given by God to Adam and Eve, Abraham, David, and the prophets was now a reality. “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 1 Corinthians 15:54

Yet, although the events of Chapter 19 bring hope, it is in Chapter 20 that hope becomes a reality. For the full impact of the gospel is realized not simply in the verity of His death, but in the overcoming of that death by life. As Paul later states in 1 Cor. 15:17...”and if Christ has not been raised your faith is worthless.” In Chapter 20 we find the risen Christ, for death has no hold on the author of life. Many people believe that Jesus was a good and powerful prophet who lived on earth and died on the cross, and for many “religions” this is

foundational truth. But what sets Christianity apart from other religions is the faith it holds in Jesus’ triumph over death. If Jesus was simply a good man who died we are without hope, for death has not been conquered. On the contrary, the foundational truth of Christianity is that Jesus was God incarnate who gave His life as the perfect sacrifice to satisfy the holy and perfect justice of God. It was also because He was God incarnate that death could not hold Him. Jesus, the perfect Passover Lamb, is now triumphant over sin and death, and so He is able to offer forgiveness of sin and eternal life to all who will come to Him in faith

Hebrews 2:9-10—“But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.”

READ CHAPTER 20

Read also Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-11

Brief outline of the events of the resurrection from each gospel:

Matthew 28:1-15

Mary and Mary go to the tomb vs.1

Angel speaks to them vs. 5-7

Guards see the angels and become like dead men Vs. 4

Angel tells the women to go and tell the disciples Jesus is risen Vs. 5-7

The women leave with fear and joy to tell the disciples Vs. 8

Jesus meets them and tells them to tell the disciples to go to Galilee Vs. 9-10

Guards recover and leave to tell the chief priests what happened Vs. 11

The leaders create a cover story to explain the resurrection Vs. 12-15

Mark 16:1-13

Mary and Mary come to the tomb and see the stone rolled away Vs. 1-4

Inside the tomb they see an angel and he tells them to go tell the disciples to go to Galilee Vs. 5-7

The women rush away astonished to tell the disciples Vs. 8

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and she reports it to the disciples Vs. 9-11

Jesus appears to two other men and they report it to the disciples Vs. 12-13

Luke 24:1-11

Women go to the tomb and find Jesus gone Vs. 1-4

Two men appear to them and tell them He is risen Vs. 5-7

The women go to tell the disciples Vs. 8-11

Peter runs to the tomb and sees the linens and went home Vs. 12

John 20:1-18

Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb and sees the stone removed Vs. 1

She runs to Peter and John to tell them His body has been taken Vs. 2

Peter and John run to the tomb and see the lines lying there Vs. 3-7

John believed by seeing the linens what he hadn't understood before Vs. 8-9

The disciples go to their homes Vs. 10

Mary is at the tomb and sees two angels and talks to them Vs. 11-13

She turns around and sees Jesus by doesn't know its Him Vs. 14-16

Jesus says her name and tells her to go tell the disciples Vs. 17

Mary goes and tells them she has see Jesus and spoke to Him Vs. 18

Using the passages identified, answer the following questions.

1. *According to Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1, Luke 24:1 (refer to 23:55-56 and 24:10), and John 20:1, who were the women that went to the tomb, and why did they go there?*

2. *What explanation does Matthew give for how the stone was removed?*

3. *From John 20:6-9 and Luke 24:12, why would seeing the linen wrappings cause a disciple to believe?*

4. *How do Matthew 28:8 and Mark 16:8 describe the response of the women?*

5. *According to Mark and Luke, how did the disciples respond to the news that the women brought?*

6. *What does Matthew 28:11 say the guards are doing when the women are telling the disciples what happened? What did they determine to do?*

7. *According to Matthew 28:10 and Mark 16:7, where were the disciples told to meet Jesus, and why do you think they were to do so?*

8. *Identify several other differences between the 4 gospel accounts. How would you explain those to someone who said the Scripture is contradictory?*

9. *When Jesus appears to them in John 20:19-20, how does He identify Himself? How does He later convince Thomas? The disciples must have believed that Jesus was the Christ before He died or they wouldn't have kept following Him. How is the belief that they experience here different?*
10. *What commission does Jesus give them in John 20:21-23? How would that be different than the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost in Acts 2?*
11. *What kind of body does Jesus have at this time according to Luke 24:39? Do you think His ascended body is any different than this one? See Acts 1:9-11 and Revelation 1:12-16.*
12. *What explanation did John give for writing his gospel? Vs. 30-31*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
