

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"**  
**"The Empty Tomb"**  
**John 20:1-18**  
**Part-66**

**John 20:11-18**

**1 Corinthians 15:16-17**

**Jesus, throughout His ministry, pointed to His own resurrection when asked for some sign to prove His Messiahship – John 2:18-22; Matthew 12:38-40.**

**Romans 1:3-4**

**Practical Importance Of The Resurrection Is That Of Changed Lives.**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Church Did Not Create The Resurrection, The Resurrection Created The Church."

**1. Verses 1-10 – Jesus' Power Over Death**

**2. Verses 11-18 – The Resurrected Lord**

**1. Verses 1-10 – Jesus' Power Over Death:**

John 20:1 – "Now" – Context is Jesus after death, John 19:41-42.

"first day of the week" – This is now Sunday morning. Because of the Resurrection on Sunday, Sunday became the recognized day; "Lord's Day."

Verses 1-2 – Mary Visits The Tomb: "Mary Magdalene" – She was a woman that Jesus had cast out 7 demons; became a devoted disciple, Luke 8:2.

"while it was still dark," – Mark 16:2 – "still dark" – Other gospels tell us there were other women, Mark 16:1.

"and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb." – This stone was about 1 ½ - 2 tons. 4-6' Diameter and 1' thick.

John 20:2 – The name Simon was given to him by his parents. Jesus renamed him Peter – his spiritual name, meaning "Rock;" when it says "Simon," he is walking as a mere man, in the flesh.

"and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved," – This was John.

Verses 3-10 – Peter & John Visit The Tomb: John 20:3-4.

Verses 5-8 – The Mystery Of The Grave Clothes: John 20:5-6.

John 20:6 – “And entered the tomb;” – Peter is impulsive.

John 20:7 – “but rolled up in a place by itself.” – Like an empty eggshell that is lying in its place, empty. Explanation: Jesus literally came through the material. Later, Jesus would walk through walls, John 20:19, 26.

This Resurrection is not merely spiritual but literal and physical.

John 20:8

John Believed By Indirect Evidence: “he saw” – Greek “to see with understanding;” “and believed.” – “to be persuaded of,” “to place confidence in, to trust, reliance upon.” John was the first disciple to believe in a living Saviour!

Verses 9-10 – The Mystery Of Unbelief: John 20:9.

Matthew 16:21; Mark 9:9; Luke 18:32-34

Psalms 119:18

John 20:10

## **2. Verses 11-18 – The Resurrected Lord:**

John 20:11 – “But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping;” – Literally “sobbing convulsively.” Jewish belief is that the soul remained in the person for 3 days. Persons would mourn for 3 days.

Verses 11-13 – Angels In The Tomb: “and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;”

1 Thessalonians 4:13 – “so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.”

John 20:12-13

Tears at the empty tomb of Jesus Christ is the most inappropriate place to cry!

"Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." – "Because the theologians have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

"have taken away my Lord," – We should examine our own hearts to be honest about Jesus! Is Jesus really My Lord or not!

Verses 14-15 – Mary's Mistake: "Whom are you seeking?" – This question should get Mary to think on What Jesus had said, what Jesus had done, and what Scripture said of Him!

The root problem is that Mary and the disciples did not hold a high enough view of Jesus!

"Supposing Him to be the gardener," – She was not expecting Him, and Jesus was glorified, Mark 16:12; Luke 24:16.

We Can Miss Jesus Because We Don't Expect Him.

"tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." – Here is such a Great Love but Lacking great faith.

Verses 16-18 – Jesus Revealed: John 20:16.

Mary Believed By Direct Evidence: "She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' (which means, Teacher or My Master)."

John 10:16 – "they will hear My voice;"

John 20:17

The Command Of Jesus – Stop Clinging To Me: "Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me," – "stop holding me."

2 Corinthians 5:16

Matthew 28:9

"for I have not yet ascended to the Father;" – He was not leaving permanently.

The Command Of Jesus Go Tell My Brethren: "but go to My brethren, and say to them," – The disciples had been referred to as slaves or friends, John 15:15; are now called "My brethren."

It was through the redemption of the cross that this new relationship has been birthed, Romans 8:15-16.

Hebrews 2:11

The Coming Ascension Of Jesus: "I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God."

At the ascension of Jesus, He said, Acts 1:7-8.

Mary is the first witness of the resurrection, and the first ambassador of the risen Saviour!

John 20:18 – "announcing" – "kept on announcing;" the first witness of the resurrection.

"I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her." – Faithful messenger of Jesus Christ, Mark 16:9-11.

Luke 24:10-11

### **Application:**

1. The Resurrection Is Historical: OT And NT Predictions, Then Eyewitness Accounts Of The Risen Lord.
2. The Resurrection Is Personal: John Presents The Facts, And Appearances That Were Life Changing. Have Our Own Lives Been Changed Through An Encounter By The Truth Of The Resurrection?
3. A Skeptic Who Demands Evidence Before Belief, Leads To A Fruitless Debate. The Skeptic Must First See Their Sinfulness And Their Need Of A Saviour. When A Person Comes To Terms With Their Sinfulness, Belief Is The Next Logical Step.
4. The Resurrection Is Universal. Mary, Said "I Have Seen The Lord." This Naturally Will Lead To "Go And Make Disciples Of All The Nations."