

INTRODUCING JESUS

Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John

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Chapter 20: Consummation...

Jesus' Tomb is Empty (1-10)

1. 1-2 Why does Mary wait until Sunday morning to visit Jesus' tomb? (1) _____
Why would she visit so early in the morning? _____
How would you describe her emotional state? _____
According to v 2, what does Mary believe about the resurrection? _____
Why would Mary run to Peter, a man who had recently denied Christ? (2) _____
2. 3-7 What is the difference between "seeing" in v 5, and "beholding" in v 6? _____
How would you describe the arrangement of the empty grave cloths? (6-7) _____

Why are they arranged in this manner? _____
3. 8-10 What does the "other disciple" *believe*? (8) _____
How would you describe the state of mind of Peter and John? (9-10) _____
Why would they just go home? (10) _____
4. **Think:** Why would the linen wrappings not be disturbed by a resurrection? _____
Why would the face-cloth be rolled up separately? _____
5. **Personal:** How does belief in the resurrection help you? _____

Jesus Appears to Mary (11-18)

1. 11-13 Why doesn't Mary go home like the others? (11) _____
Why might angels have been present? (12) _____
Why isn't Mary terrified of the angels? (13) _____
Even though angels have appeared, what does Mary still think about the resurrection?
(13) _____
2. 14-18 Why doesn't Mary recognize Jesus even after He has spoken to her? (14-15) _____

What does v 15 indicate about her state of mind? _____
Why does Jesus appear first to Mary? (16) _____
Why would He tell her to stop clinging to Him? (17) _____
What does the fact that He had not yet ascended have to do with her clinging? (17) _____

Why does Jesus now call His disciples His "brethren?" (17) _____

Why does Jesus say "My Father and your Father" and "My God and your God?" _____

3. **Think:** What is the big significance of the resurrection? _____

4. **Personal:** How does the resurrection of Jesus affect your view of death? _____

The Commission of Christ (19-23)

1. 19-20 What are some of the characteristics of Jesus' resurrected body? (19-20) _____

2. 21-23 What does Jesus want them to do with their faith and joy? (21) _____
What does v 22 anticipate? _____
How does Jesus need the church? _____
How does the church need Jesus? _____
Does Jesus give the disciples the power to forgive sin, or does He mean something else? (23) _____
3. **Think:** Why is it important for Christians to spread the good news of Jesus? _____

4. **Personal:** How motivated are you to tell others about Jesus? _____

The Convinced Doubter (24-31)

1. 24-25 How important is it to be with other disciples? (24) _____ Why? _____
_____ Was Thomas being reasonable in wanting tangible proof? (25) _____ Why? _____

2. 26-29 Why does Jesus wait a week before appearing again? (26) _____
Why does Jesus always appear on the first day of the week? _____
What is the significance of Thomas' confession? (28) _____
Why are those blessed "who do not see?" (29) _____
3. 30-31 Why does John select certain signs and not others for inclusion in his book? (30) _____
_____ Is there sufficient evidence to believe in Jesus, even though we weren't there in person to witness the signs? (31) _____ Why? _____
What kind of "life" does Jesus promise to those who believe? (31) _____
4. **Think:** How would you summarize the evidence for believing that Jesus is the Son of God, and that He died on the cross for our sins and was resurrected from the dead?

5. **Personal:** Do you believe in Jesus? _____