

Bible Study

Gospel of John Chapter 20

The Gospel of John Chapter 20 doesn't just contain the purpose of the Gospel of John at its conclusion. It contains the greatest story of victory ever told in history - **HE IS RISEN!**

Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead and then appeared to Mary Magdalene and the disciples. Enjoy your study of this magnificent story of victory and truth.

Day One

1. Who rolled away the stone from the tomb's entrance according to the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 28?
2. What does the Chapter 16 of the Gospel of Mark tell us about the "we" in verse two of the Gospel of John Chapter 20 and why Mary went to the tomb?
3. Describe the reaction of the women to seeing the angels from the following verses:
 - Gospel of Matthew Chapter 28, verse 8
 - Gospel of Mark Chapter 16, verses 5-8
 - Gospel of Luke Chapter 24, verse 5

Day Two

1. What is it that Mary did not understand from a reading of verses 2 and 13 of the Gospel of John Chapter 20?
2. What were the two messages Mary delivered that day to the disciples from the Gospel of John Chapter 20? How were the messages received by the disciples?
3. Describe the mindset of Mary Magdalene at the following points in her day from these verses from the Gospel of John Chapter 20:
 - When she was on her way to the tomb before sunrise (verse 1)
 - After she arrived at the tomb and saw the stone rolled away (verse 1)
 - On her way to tell Peter and John (verse 2)
 - After Peter and John left as she stood outside the tomb weeping (verse 11)
 - After the angels spoke to her (verse 13)
 - When she saw the "gardener" (verse 15)

- When she recognized Jesus (verse 16)
- When she told the disciples she saw Jesus (verse 18)

Day Three

1. Why do you think Mary stayed at the tomb when Peter and John left, and why do you think she looked back into the tomb (see Gospel of John Chapter 20, verses 10-11)?
2. Verse 8 says John “saw and believed.” What do you think it was that he believed?
3. What facts about Jesus in his resurrected body does the Gospel of John Chapter 20 tell us?

Day Four

1. Why do you think Jesus showed the disciples his hands and his side as provided in verse 20?
2. Why did Thomas not believe the other disciples?
3. Read Acts Chapter 2, verses 36-39; Acts Chapter 10, verses 39-43; and Acts Chapter 13, verses 38-40. What do you think was the disciples' understanding of Jesus telling them “If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven” in verse 23?

Day Five

1. Summarize Jesus’ message to the disciples from his two appearances to them after his resurrection in the Gospel of John Chapter 20.
2. Jesus told his disciples at least nine times (see Matt 16:21; Matt 17:22; Matt 20:17-19; Mark 8:31; Mark 9:9; Mark 9:31-32; Mark 10:33-34; Luke 9:22; Luke 18:31-34) that he would rise from the dead. Why then do you think it was so hard for them to believe or understand that he was going to be raised from death into life?
3. Rewrite verses 30 and 31 in your own words.

Day Six

Read the following verses. Please realize that when we are believers and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ and his resurrection, we too will rise from the dead to eternal life. There is no question to answer here - just read and enjoy the truth of eternal life.

Gospel of John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

1 Corinthians 6:14

By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

1 Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.