

## **“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”**

*The Gospel of John*

**John 19:38-20:18**



### **Read John 19:38-20:18**


1. Joseph of Arimathea gets permission to take the body of Jesus down from the cross and bury him (v. 38). Why do you think he is able to do this?  
Mt. 27:57-60; Lk. 23:50-54  
  
vv. 31; 41-42
2. Why is this an encouraging end to Nicodemus' story? (v. 39; Jn. 3:1-11; 7:45-52)
3. Mary Magdalene is shocked when she arrives at the tomb on Sunday morning and finds that the stone has been removed (Jn. 20:1). What does she immediately assume and how does she react? (v. 2)
4. Compare how Peter and John respond to Mary's news. (vv. 3-10)
5. Why is it important that Peter and John are eye witnesses to the empty tomb?  
Deut. 19:15  
  
Peter: Mt. 16:15-19; Lk. 22:31-32  
  
John: v. 8; Jn. 20:30-31; 21:24
6. John describes the burial linens four times in verses 5-7. Why do you think they are such an important part of the resurrection story? (See also Jn. 19:39-40)

7. Mary is so blinded by her grief that she doesn't see that something amazing has happened.
  - a. What are some of the obvious signs that she is missing? (Jn. 20:1, 5-7, 11-15)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. How does Jesus finally get her attention? (v.16)
  
8. Based on what Jesus says to Mary in verse 17, what do you think her natural response was to seeing Jesus?

How does he redirect her? (v. 17a)

Previously Mary brought the disciples bad news (v. 2). What good news does she take to them now? (vv. 17b-18)

9. Previously Jesus had told the disciples, "I no longer call you servants...instead I have called you friends" (Jn. 15:15). Now what does he call them, and why is this so significant? (v. 17b; Heb. 2:11-13;  \*Rom. 8:15-17)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Belief in the bodily resurrection of Jesus is central to Christianity and sets it apart from all other religions. This is the main focus of the early church's message.
  - a. What does God declare about Jesus in raising him from the dead? (Acts 2:31-33; 36; 5:29-31)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What does the resurrection mean for believers? (1 Cor. 15:17-22;  1 Thess. 4:13-18)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. What does the resurrection mean to you?

\*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.