

SEEING THE RESURRECTION

John 20:1-18

How would you define the word “resurrection?” _____
How long was Jesus on the earth in His resurrected body? **40**
How many people saw the resurrected Jesus before His ascension into heaven? **Over 500**

John 20:1-2

There are three important details in John 20:1

- Early
- On the 1st day of the week
- The stone was removed

The shocking truth is: Our first response to the resurrection is usually not hope, more often it is confusion, DOUBT, fear!

John 20:3-9

How do we “see” the resurrection as a part of our everyday lives?

I. WE NEED EVIDENCE FOR OUR MINDS

3 different words are used for seeing in this passage:

Verse 5 = to glance or to look in.

Verse 6 = to look carefully, to observe. (Greek: Theorao)

Verse 8 = to perceive with intelligent comprehension.

John 20:10-16

II. WE NEED ANSWERS FOR OUR HEART

There were 2 reasons why Mary couldn't see Jesus.

Her TEARS.

Her FOCUS.

Jesus asked two questions to help her find the answers her heart needed

Why are you CRYING?

Whom are you SEEKING?

III. WE NEED A RELATIONSHIP FOR OUR SOUL

I recognize YOU, Lord

She mistook Him for the gardener. Who do we mistake Him for?

You recognize ME, Lord.

The resurrection move from being an historical event to being a personal event when we hear Jesus speak our NAME!

Remember: The 1st witnesses of the resurrection were believing WOMEN!

John 20:17-18

In verse 17 Jesus calls His disciples a name He can now call them because of the resurrection. BROTHERS!

HOMEWORK

How can you and I “see” the resurrected Lord in our everyday lives?

We need Evidence

Get and read the book “Evidence that Demands a verdict, Vol 1” by Josh McDowell
Build some personal evidence for the living Lord into your life by keeping a record this week of your prayers and God’s answers.

We need Answers

Instead of asking God all of the questions this next week, spend at least one quiet time just listening for the questions that He might want to ask you.

We need a Relationship

Take the time to give Jesus the credit for what He is doing in your life this week.

Order of the Events of the Resurrection

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome start for the tomb, L 23:55-24:1

They find the stone rolled away, L 24:2-9

Mary Magdalene goes to tell the disciples, Jn 20:1-2

Mary, the mother of James, draws near and sees the angel, Mt 28:1-2

She goes back to meet the other women following with spices

Meanwhile Peter and John arrive, look in and depart, Jn 20:3-10

Mary Magdalene returns weeping, sees two angels, then Jesus, Jn 20:11-18

The risen Christ bids her tell the disciples, Jn 20:17-18

Mary (mother of James) meanwhile returns with the women, L 24:1-4

They return and see the two angels, L 24:5; Mk 16:5

They also hear the angel’s message, Mt 28:6-8

On their way to find the disciples, they are met by the risen Christ, Mt 28:9-10

Post-resurrection Appearances

To Mary Magdalene Jn 20:14-18; Mk 16:9

To the women returning from the tomb Mt 28:8-10

To Peter later in the day L 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5

To the disciples going to Emmaus in the evening L 24:13-31

To the apostles (except Thomas) L 24:36-45; Jn 20:19-24

To the apostles a week later (Thomas present) Jn 20:24-29

In Galilee to the seven by the Lake of Tiberias Jn 21:1-23

In Galilee on a mountain to the apostles and 500 believers 1 Cor 15:6

At Jerusalem and Bethany again to James 1 Cor 15:7

At Olivet and the ascension Acts 1:3-12

To Paul near Damascus Acts 9:3-6; 1 Cor 15:8

To Stephen outside Jerusalem Acts 7:55

To Paul in the temple Acts 22:17-21; 23:11

To John on Patmos Rev 1:10-19