



SEEING & BELIEVING  
REAL RESURRECTION JOY  
JOHN 20:1-18

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1. Believe

(vv. 1-10)

*John 20:1-18 (ESV)*

*20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.*

2. Experience

(vv. 11-18)

*11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.*

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read John 2:22.** How does your faith grow in confidence knowing that the resurrection was foretold by both Jesus and the Old Testament?
  
- 2. Read all of Psalm 16.** How does this encouraging Psalm become even more powerful when you realize that it predicts the resurrection of Jesus Christ? What are some specific phrases or verses in this Psalm that will encourage you this week?
  
- 3. Read John 16:22.** What are some of the things you might wrongly allow to take away your joy in the Lord? While there are still valid reasons for grief in this life, why should joy be a constant for believers in a risen Savior?
  
- 4. Scan through John 14-16.** The resurrection is proof that Jesus will fulfill the promises he makes in these chapters. What are some specific statements/promises in this section of Scripture that will encourage you this week?
  
- 5. Read Romans 8:16-17.** How does knowing that you are a “fellow heir” with Christ increase your joy? How can you keep this reality more present in your mind this week?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Fabarez, Mike. *Lifelines for Tough Times*. Harvest House, 2018.

McDowell, Josh and Sean McDowell. *More Than a Carpenter*. Tyndale Momentum. 2009.

Strobel, Lee. *The Case for Christ*. Zondervan. 1998.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our confidence in the Word may be strengthened.  
 Pray that our joy will be full and enduring.  
 Pray that more people would come to believe in the Risen Christ!  
 Pray that our upcoming Women’s Retreat will help our women truly treasure God’s Word!  
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

## REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
11/8	Lamentations 1-2	Psalm 120	John 7:40-53	2 Peter 3:11-18
11/9	Lamentations 3-5	Psalm 121	John 8:1-11	1 John 1
11/10	Ezekiel 1-4	Psalm 122	John 8:12-20	1 John 2:1-14
11/11	Ezekiel 5-7	Psalm 123	John 8:21-30	1 John 2:15-29
11/12	Ezekiel 8-10	Psalm 124	John 8:31-38	1 John 3:1-10
11/13	Ezekiel 11-12	Psalm 125	John 8:39-47	1 John 3:11-24