



He Must Rise
“Life in His Name” Series

John 20:1-10, p.906

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Introduction

In this passage God explains the historical and biblical witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Text: John 20:1-10

- 1) The resurrection of Jesus is God’s declaration that the renewal of creation has begun (vv. 1-2).

The Seven Signs:

1 – The turning of water into wine (2:1-11)

2 – The healing of the royal official’s son (4:43-54)

3 – The healing of the lame man (5:1-18)

4 – The feeding of a large crowd (6:1-15)

5 – The healing of the blind man (9:1-41)

6 – The resurrection of Lazarus (11:1-57)

7 – The resurrection of Jesus (announced by Jesus in 2:18-22):

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰ The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

- 2) The resurrection account in John impresses upon us the fact of the empty tomb (vv. 3-7).

Key observations of the fact of the empty tomb:

a) No evidence of grave robbers

b) Spiritual body

c) Victory over death

- 3) Scripture is a primary witness to the fact and truth of the resurrection of Jesus (vv. 8-10).

These final few verses magnify the importance of Scripture:

a) The Bible is a primary means by which God makes himself known.

b) The Bible should be central to everything we do as a Christian and as a church.

Response

Jesus has risen! The New Creation is dawning! Praise be to God!

Sunday Text
Questions for John 20:1-10
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- 1) Starter Question: How would you prove or defend that Jesus rose from the dead?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Mary Magdalene's announcement about the empty tomb in v. 2 implies a theft? What do you think the early disciples of Jesus understand about his resurrection before it happened?
- 4) What is the significance or meaning of the run/race between the other disciple (i.e., John) and Peter to the tomb in vv. 3-4?
- 5) Why did the other disciple (John) look but not enter the tomb immediately, but Peter went straight in (vv. 5-6, 8)?
- 6) What does the description of the grave clothes and face cloth explain to us about the resurrection of Jesus (v. 7)?
- 7) V. 9 teaches us that Scripture's witness, not the witness from history alone, is necessary for understanding and believing in the resurrection of Jesus. Why is the Bible necessary for one to believe in the resurrection?
- 8) How might it be dangerous for Christians to defend Christianity (apologetics) by means of historical and philosophical proofs without relying enough on the Bible?
- 9) If a person does not accept the Bible's authority, should we avoid using it as a witness or proof of Christianity? [Note: be careful how you answer, or you might make something more authoritative than Scripture.]
- 10) How does the fact and truth of the resurrection give you hope and power in your daily walk with Christ?

Further study this week: Matthew 27:57-28:15 on the resurrection according to Matthew (Mon); Mark 15:42-16:8 on the resurrection according to Mark (Tues); Luke 23:50-24:12 on the resurrection according to Luke (Wed); 1 Corinthians 15 on the resurrection according to the apostle Paul (Thurs); John 2:13-22 on the seventh sign, the resurrection (Fri).