

Questions for John 20:1-31

1. What day did Jesus rise from the dead and why is that important? How do we know today that Jesus was rose from the dead? What did it take for John to believe? (Verse 1-10)

2. Why did the angels appear to the women (specifically Mary here) and not to the Peter and John when they were in the tomb? Why was Mary so distraught at the disappearance of the body of Jesus when the disciples were not? Why did Mary not recognize Jesus until He said her name? (Verses 11-16)

3. Explain the various interpretations, meaning, and application of verse 17. (Verses 17-18)

4. What does the presentation of Jesus to the disciples tell us about His resurrection body? What separates this occurrence of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit from what happened on Pentecost? Can someone receive the Holy Spirit twice? What authority did Jesus give them upon breathing on them? (Verses 19-23)

5. Why did Thomas need to see physical proof of the resurrection of Jesus? Why did Jesus reveal himself to Thomas to confirm His resurrection? Why can't we all behold the same physical proof of the resurrection like Thomas had? (Verses 24-29)

6. Why was the gospel of John written and how should this affect how we view each account recorded? Should we be concerned that there is more about the life of Christ than we will never know? (Verses 30-31)