

The Empty Tomb (20:1-10)

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Wiersbe- "If the Gospel of John were an ordinary biography, there would be no chapter 20. I am an incurable reader of biographies, and I notice that almost all of them conclude with the death and burial of the subject. I have yet to read one that describes the subject's resurrection from the dead! The fact that John continued his account and shared the excitement of the Resurrection miracle is proof that Jesus Christ is not like any other man. He is, indeed, the Son of God."

vs. 1

Acts 20:7- On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his ^[a]message until midnight

1 Cor. 16:2- On the first day of every week each one of you is to ^[a]put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

Michael Green- "The Jews' original day of rest and worship was Saturday because it was said that God had finished His creation and rested on the seventh day. It was written into their holy laws. The Sabbath is one of the supporting columns of Judaism. One of the most reverent things in the life of a Jew was the keeping of the Sabbath. The

Christians met for worship on the first day of the Jewish week in acknowledgment of the resurrection of Jesus. These Christians actually succeeded in changing this age-old and theologically-backed day of rest and worship to Sunday. Yet remember, they were Jews themselves! Keeping in mind what they thought would happen in they were wrong, we must recognize that this was probably one of the biggest decisions any religious body of men have ever made. How are we to explain the changed from Saturday to Sunday worship without the resurrection?"

Certain Jews prayed in this time period, "thank God I'm not a dog, a gentile, or a woman." (*Menahoth* 43b-44)

Mark 16:9- Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

1 Tim. 1:12-13- I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief.

John 3:2- this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these ^[a]signs that You do unless God is with him."

vs. 2

John 13:23-There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved

John 19:26-When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He *said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

John 20:2-So she *ran and *came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and *said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

John 21:7-Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work*), and threw himself into the sea.

John 21:20-Peter, turning around, *saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them*; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?”

John 3:36- He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not ^[i]obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

vs. 4

John 1:14-And the Word became flesh, and ^[a]dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of ^[b]the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 19:35- And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

1 John 1:1-3-What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—³ what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

vs. 5

Matt. 27:57- When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus

Barrett- A decree of Emperor Claudius, who reigned shortly after this event (A.D. 41-54), made it a capital offense to destroy tombs, remove bodies, or displace the sealing stone or other stones.

vs. 6

1 Cor. 12:4- Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

vs. 7

Matt. 28:11- Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.

vs. 8

Prov. 22:24-25- Do not associate with a man *given* to anger; Or go with a hot-tempered man, Or you will learn his ways And find a snare for yourself.

Gal. 2:13- The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

1 Cor. 15:33- Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

John 5:24- Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

John 11:25- Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.

vs. 9

Ps. 16:10-11- For You will not abandon my soul to ^[a]Sheol; Nor will You ^[b]allow Your ^[c]Holy One to ^[d]undergo decay. You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Isa. 53:11-12- As a result of the ^[a]anguish of His soul, He will see ^[b]*it* and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out ^[c]Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

1 Cor. 15:4- and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

vs. 10

John 4:39- From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I *have* done.”

Heb. 13:20-21-Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep ^[a]through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.