

Jesus Arose

John 20:1-31

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ADULT

Unit 6 Lesson 8

Supplemental Texts

Matt 28

Focus Verse

“Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” – Matthew 28:5-6

Introduction

Since it was the preparation day (John 19:14; Mark 15:42), the Jews did not want to leave the bodies on the crosses on the Sabbath day, thus, they asked Pilate that the men’s legs be broken to quicken their death (John 19:31). Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus took the body of Jesus and buried it in a new tomb, which was hewn out of the rock, and a big stone was rolled against the entrance of the tomb (Matt 27:60; John 19:41).

Deeper Look

The First Day Of The Week – John 20:1-10

Very early on a Sunday morning (the day after the Sabbath), the women (Mary Magdalene was the focus here), after they had seen where Jesus was laid (Matt 27:61), came to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body with spices because He had been buried in haste (Matt 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1). She saw the stone rolled away from the tomb, and immediately ran to Peter and John, and said, “They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.” Peter and John, as soon as were told, headed to the tomb to see what had happened. Though John, the younger apostle, outran Peter, he only stooped and gazed in the tomb without entering possibly out of reverential fear. But Peter went into the tomb; he saw the linen clothes, and the napkin that was about Jesus’ head “wrapped together in a place by itself.”

Mary Stood Outside Of The Tomb Weeping – John 20:11-31

As Mary waited at the tomb, she stooped and gazed in, and saw two angels in the tomb who asked why she was weeping. After Mary had answered the angels, she turned around and saw Jesus, but she took Him for the gardener. She was so much in grief that she did not recognize the Lord and even His voice, until He called her by her name. That same day, Jesus appeared to His disciples where they had gathered and showed them His hands and side. Thomas being absent was told that He came, but he would not believe except he saw the print of the nails (and put his finger into it) and put his hand to His side. A week later, he was there when Jesus appeared.

Questions

1. What virtues are displayed in the women who went early in the morning to anoint Jesus' body? See Mark 16:1. What challenge was ahead of them, and what surprise were they met with?
2. Why did John hesitate to enter the tomb when he arrived there? Would you have expected Peter to enter without hesitation as he did? Why, or why not? Based on the text, could it be said that Jesus' body had been stolen?
3. Why did Peter and John believe that Jesus had resurrected that morning, but Mary did not? Using any relevant scriptures, prove that Jesus indeed arose.
4. Why was Mary Magdalene unable to recognize the risen Jesus? What comforting words did Jesus give to Mary? How comforting are these words to you?
5. Why were the disciples of Jesus fearful of the Jews? How was Jesus able to appear unto His disciples without the door being opened to Him? What does this mean to Christians?
6. Should it have been hard for Thomas to believe his fellow disciples that they had seen the risen Jesus? Explain. What made it hard for him to believe?
7. By believing that Jesus came to this earth, died on the cross for our sins, and rose from the dead on the third day, what promise is for you? See John 20:29.

Personal Meditation

The hope of Christ's disciples seemed shattered at the death of their Master. Indeed, He was more than a Master; He was their Messiah. Other followers as well had their share of the agony (Matt 27:55-57; Mark 15:40-41; Luke 23:49; John 19:25,38-39). It was expedient that Jesus should die for the entire human race (John 11:49-51). Jesus was the fulfillment of the promise God gave to Abraham (Gen 12:3). Though Jesus' ministry was a blessing to His people, they rejected Him (John 1:11). The religious leaders took pleasure in seeing that Jesus was crucified. The beauty of it all was that Jesus surrendered His life; He gave it up for us freely (John 10:17-18; 15:13). What a Savior! He came to fulfill the will of the Father at His own expense (John 3:16).

The great news is that Jesus arose despite sealing the tomb and appointing guards to watch it (Matt 27:64-66). The power of God raised Him up! Death and grave are put to eternal shame (I Cor 15:55). In Jesus we are more than conquerors (Rom 8:37), and His resurrection is a proof that we shall be raised up to eternal life (Rom 8:11). Now, we are seated in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:6).

DAILY STUDY

Monday	John 20:1-5
Tuesday	John 20:6-10
Wednesday	John 20:11-15
Thursday	John 20:16-20
Friday	John 20:21-25
Saturday	John 20:26-31



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