

Jesus Arose

John 20:1-31

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Unit 6 Lesson 8

Supplemental Texts

Matt 28

Focus Verse

“Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.” – Mark 16:6

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 day is considered the first day of the week? Was Mary Magdalene the only person who came to the tomb of Jesus? See Mark 16:1. What word in the text hints at the number of persons?
2. Describe what Peter and John saw inside the tomb. What did the scene tell them about the state of Jesus that morning? If it was said that Jesus' body had been stolen, how would you reject the claim?
3. Your friend asks you to support the claim that Jesus indeed resurrected. What relevant scriptures would you use to support the claim?
4. Why was Mary Magdalene disturbed when she was at the tomb? What is notable about her before Jesus showed up to her? What lesson is there for you?
5. Why was the statement "Peace be unto you" crucial to Jesus' disciples at this time? What affirmed to the disciples that the risen Jesus had appeared unto them? How was their emotion changed as a result?
6. Why was it hard for Thomas to believe that Jesus had risen? How did seeing Jesus change Thomas? If you were Thomas, how would seeing Jesus change you?
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

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| 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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