



The Eyewitness Report: He's Alive!

John 20:1-18

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Big Idea: You can have the bedrock hope of life after death because of the eye-witnessed event that changed history: the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

John 20

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Lessons from the Resurrection:

A resurrected life is not meant to be kept private.

God ordained that the resurrection of Christ be a public event.

1 Cor. 15:3-8 NIV 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

God ordained that your resurrection should be a public event.

(Share how Christ has changed your life!)

A resurrected life is not a slave to the fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-15 NIV

(Jesus) shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

For next Sunday, read John 20:19-31, "Everything Changes when you Meet the Risen Christ."