

John 20 - The Resurrection, Then What?

As yet they did not understand that he must rise from the dead

She said this to the apostles

- Joh 20:1-9 ESV Now on the first day of the week ***Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early***, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ***"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."*** 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and ***he saw and believed; [that "they have taken the Lord out of the tomb"] 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.***

She said it to the two angels who appeared at the tomb

- 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, ***"Woman, why are you weeping?"*** She said to them, ***"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."***

She said it to Jesus [not knowing it was him]

- 14 Having said this, ***she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.*** 15 Jesus said to her, ***"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"*** Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ***"Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."***

First recognition is when He spoke her name

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.

- John 10:3 ESV To him *[the good shepherd]* the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and **he calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out.

After the resurrection, a new course was set for the church

#1) We have been reconciled to God

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, **"Peace be with**

you." 20 When he had said this, **he showed them his hands and his side**. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

“Peace be with you” - he showed them his hands and feet - this is why you have peace

- Col 1:19-22 ESV For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and **through him to reconcile to himself all things**, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace by the blood of his cross**. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has **now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death**, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

#2) We have been given a commission

21 Jesus said to them again, "**Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.**"

Yes we have been reconciled - but also given a responsibility - a ministry of reconciliation

- 2Co 5:17-21 ESV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, **the new has come**. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ **reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation**; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself - not counting their trespasses against them
 - Entrusting the message of reconciliation to us
 - **God is making His appeal through us**

#3) He empowers us to do the work

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit**."

- We receive the Holy Spirit for new life - we are born again, we are a new creation
- But the Spirit is also given that we might be able to accomplish the task

#4) The eternal consequence of our task

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Only Jesus blood forgives sin - it is not within the power of anyone, I think he is saying that the effect of the message is one or the other...

- Mar 16:15-16 ESV And he said to them, "Go into all the world and **proclaim** the gospel to the whole creation. 16 **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.**
- Luk 24:46-48 ESV and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that **repentance and forgiveness of sins should**

be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

- Act 2:38 ESV And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the **forgiveness of your sins**, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Act 3:19 ESV **Repent** therefore, and turn again, **that your sins may be blotted out**,
- Act 13:38-46 ESV Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that **through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you**, 39 and by him **everyone who believes is freed** from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. 40 Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: 41 "'Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.'"they asked them to come back the next week.....45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. 46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. **Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.**

The same message is death to some and their sins are retained, and life to others and their sins are forgiven

- 2Co 2:15-16 ESV For **we are the aroma of Christ** to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

Doubting Thomas

24 Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "**We have seen the Lord.**" But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

- **Do you have doubts, don't be afraid to voice them**

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. **Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them** and said, "**Peace be with you.**" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. **Do not disbelieve, but believe.**" 28 Thomas answered him, "**My Lord and my God!**"

• Jesus wanted to deal with the doubts of Thomas - he confronted him exactly as Thomas spoke 29 Jesus said to him, "**Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**" 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but **these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God, and **that by believing you may have life in his name.**

- **The LORD desires that we believe & that our doubts are removed**
- **The word of God is the best resource for dealing with your doubts.**