

John 20
Resurrection

I. Empty tomb (1-10).

A. Mary Magdalene.

1. Who was she (cf. Lk.8:1-3)?
 - a. From Magdala in northern Galilee.
 - b. Jesus had exorcised demons from her.
 - c. A woman of financial means, she helped support Jesus.
 - d. A witness to the crucifixion.
 - e. A witness to the resurrection.
 - f. Doubtless among the 120 (Acts 1:15).
 - g. Myths about her.
 - i. Prostitute.
 - a) Pope Gregory the Great AD 591.
 - b) In 1969, RC changed opinion.
 - ii. Wife of Jesus.
 - a) Gnostic Gospels.
 - b) *The DaVinci Code*.
 - c) *Jesus Christ, Superstar*.
 - iii. No scriptural or historical evidence.
2. Focus is on Mary, but “we” in vs. 2.
3. Stress on night/darkness.
 - a. Light-dark image.
 - b. Right at dawn.

B. Simon Peter & John.

1. Only ones around.
2. The rest in hiding (?).
3. Race to the tomb.
 - a. John outruns Peter but waits.
 - b. Peter plunges in.
 - c. John follows.
4. First type of faith: evidence and belief.
 - a. Linen wrappings undisturbed (cf. 19:38-42).
 - b. Head cloth in its place.

II. Appearances (11-18).

A. Mary.

1. Weeping at the tomb (pluperfect vb: she followed and stood by).
2. Two angels.
3. Jesus.
 - a. Question and answer.
 - b. Two words.
 - i. Mary.
 - ii. Rabbi.
4. Second type of faith: the spoken word.
 - a. Sir.
 - b. Rabbi.
 - c. Lord.
5. Don't cling to the old relationship; it is new.
6. Am going.
 - a. Present progressive - in the process.
 - b. But his appearances were from heaven.

B. Disciples (19-23).

1. Fear turns to joy.
2. Third type of faith: physical proof.
3. Missionary commission (*shaliach* theme).
 - a. Parallels 17:18.
 - b. Sent with authority.
4. Holy Spirit.
 - a. Basis of the mission.
 - b. Contrasts with Acts.
 - i. Private to the disciples.
 - ii. Public to the Church.
5. Authority over sin: proclamation of the Word.
 - a. Accept the word -- forgiven.
 - b. Reject the word -- not forgiven.

C. Thomas (intellectual cynic).

1. Fourth type of faith: see and touch.
 - a. Not a "vision."
 - b. Anti docetism.
2. Cry of faith.

III. Conclusion (30-31).

A. Come to believe.

B. Continue to believe.