

E A S T E R S U N D A Y

The Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:1-23

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON QUESTIONS

Read John 20:1-23 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)

Do you believe Jesus rose from the grave? Why do you believe this? What difference does it make in your life to know Jesus is alive? What difference will it make in the lives of others you know?

Despite being told many times that he would die and rise again (Matt. 16:21; Luke 9:22), the disciples are still not looking for Jesus' resurrection. It is not until they "[understand] the Scripture" that they realize this was according to God's plan. Where in the Old Testament is the resurrection of the Messiah and his followers predicted? Read Isaiah 53:10 and Daniel 12:2-3.

Why does John note the linen clothes used to wrap Jesus' body were lying in the place his body had been? Why is special mention made of the face cloth? How does the empty tomb refer back to the death of Christ and point forward to the resurrection of Christ?

Read Philippians 3:10-11. Why is the message of the gospel incomplete without Jesus' resurrection?

How do you think the disciples first reacted upon seeing Jesus? Why does Jesus show the disciples his hands and his side (v. 20)?

Read verse 23. Translations of this verse can be confusing. Is Jesus granting the power to forgive sins and withhold forgiveness to the disciples (and later Christians) or is he sending them out to preach that there is now forgiveness from sin in his name and warn people not to reject him? Why is it likely the latter?