

***KNOWING REAL POWER*****The Resurrection of Jesus****John 20**

*“My Lord and my God!”* John 20:28

**Read John 20:1–9**

1. Why does Mary Magdalene go to the tomb? Who are her companions? (Read Mark 16:1–8.) What does the phrase “while it was still dark” tell us about these women?
  
2. What was Mary Magdalene’s first reaction when she saw the empty tomb? (vs. 2) Share a time when God revealed his glory to you in a situation that at first seemed to be without glory.
  
3. Why do you think the details of John (“the other disciple”) are included? What does he conclude about the scene inside the tomb? (vs. 8)
  
4. Why does John include the detailed description of the placement of the burial cloth? How was this a clue to what had happened to Jesus’ body?

**Read John 20:10–18**

5. Why do you think Mary Magdalene doesn’t recognize Jesus at first? How does she finally recognize him? (vs. 16) Read John 10:3. Has Jesus called you by name? Have you recognized him as the living God?
  
6. Why does Jesus tell Mary Magdalene not to hold onto him? Who does Jesus promise to give her to hold on to? (John 14:16–18, 26)

**Read John 20:19–23**

7. Describe the emotions and mood of the disciples who are gathered behind locked doors that evening of the first day of the week. How does Jesus enter the room? What is their mood after Jesus' appearance?
  
8. What is Jesus' message to them? Read John 14:27; Ephesians 2:14; and Philippians 4:7. Why do you think this message is so timely for the disciples? Describe a time in your life when this message was a comfort to you and exactly what you needed to hear.
  
9. What does Jesus do in verse 22? What does this echo? (Genesis 2:7)

**Read John 20:24–31**

10. Is Thomas wrong to doubt what he was told by the other disciples? Explain. What does he say after seeing the evidence?
  
11. Who is Jesus blessing in verse 29? In verse 31 we have the key to why this book was written. What is it? Where have you "seen" Jesus as you have studied this book?

**Extra Credit**

12. Read Job 19:25–27; Isaiah 26:19; and Daniel 12:2–3, 13. What do most of the Jews believe about the resurrection of the body?
  
13. Read 1Corinthians 15:50–53; Philippians 3:21; 1Thessalonians 4:13–18. What will our resurrected bodies be like? Will we be disembodied spirits floating on clouds or will we be able to embrace each other and Jesus in heaven?