

# He is Risen! Just as He Said

John 20; Luke 24:5

## MAIN IDEAS

The Resurrection: The Empty Tomb

1. Mary Magdalene (and the women with her), Peter, John
  - a. Missing Body of Jesus
  - b. Linen Cloths
  - c. Folded Face Cloth
2. Separates Christianity from other religions
3. Stumbling Block
  - a. Dead men don't come to life
4. Seen and Believed (I Witness)
  - a. John
  - b. Mary Magdalene
  - c. Disciples
  - d. Thomas
5. Not Seen and Believed
6. Purpose: Written so that you may believe

What does the Resurrection say about God? (Romans 1:1-5) What does it say about Jesus? (Act 17:2-3) Why is this important and how does it impact you?

How do people try to explain away the Resurrection?

What evidence is there in John 20 that Jesus actually died and rose again?

Why do you think Jesus appeared to the women first?

Peter and John walked with Jesus for three years observing and experiencing all the wonders and miracles of His earthly ministry. They saw and believed. Compare their faith before the Resurrection to after. How did their faith change?

It's natural to believe in something you've seen with your own eyes. We were not there at the tomb. We cannot do the forensics of the evidence left behind. We did not see the

Risen Savior. How confident are you that Jesus rose from the dead? What is the basis for your belief?

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is the basis of your faith? Which is weightier, your personal experience or the Word of God? What was the basis of the disciples' belief? (John 2:22; 12:16; 21:24)

Consider how the disciples' faith was changed by the resurrection of Jesus. In what ways has your faith changed over time?

How has the Risen Savior transformed your life?

### Give Thanks:

- For Jesus, held on that cross by love not nails, who bore your punishment and shame
- For God-given faith to believe without seeing
- For the transforming power of the Word of God through the Spirit of God

## REPRODUCE

Who are you praying for? Have you shared the Gospel with that person/persons? Pray that the Spirit of God would help you use the Word of God and go in faith.

## KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- John 20
- Luke 24:5

Additional verses from the study:

- John 2:22
- John 12:16
- John 21:24
- 1 Peter 1:12-21
- Romans 1:1-5
- Acts 17:2-3