

A New Day (John 20:1-29)

The Bible – Part 1

Life Church St. Louis – March 31, 2013

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Matthew 27:45 (NIV) From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.

1. Move from confusion to _____

John 20:1, 11 (NIV) Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ... but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

John 20:14-15 (NIV) At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

A. See _____ in your situation

John 20:16 (NIV) Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

B. _____ others about Jesus

John 20:17 (NIV) Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

2. Move from fear to _____

John 20:19a (NIV) On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews ...

A. _____ to Jesus' words

John 20:19b-20 (NIV) ... Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

B. _____ and share Jesus' peace

John 20:21-22 (NIV) Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

3. Move from doubt to _____

John 20:24-25 (NIV) Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A. _____ and touch Jesus

John 20:26-27a (NIV) A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.

B. _____ Jesus and no longer doubt

John 20:27b-28 (NIV) "Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:29 (NIV) Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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Intro. How did the resurrection of Jesus Christ change the world?

In what ways do you think Easter each year can bring a new day into our lives?

1A. How do you think Mary Magdalene was feeling as she went to visit Jesus' tomb (John 20:1, 11, 14-15)?

1B. What prompted Mary to recognize Jesus (John 20:16)? Why do you think she didn't recognize Him at first?

1C. What was the significance of Jesus' instructions to Mary (John 20:17)?

1D. In what ways can you identify with Mary? How do you think God wants you to respond?

2A. Why were the disciples so fearful (John 20:19a)? Do you think their fear was reasonable?

2B. How did Jesus encourage the disciples (John 20:19-22)?

2C. How would you explain to someone who is worrying or fearful, that Jesus can bring them peace?

3A. Why do you think Thomas was so slow to believe (John 20:24-25)?

3B. How did Jesus help Thomas overcome his doubts (John 20:26-27)?

3C. What did Thomas realize about the resurrected Christ (John 20:28)?

3D. How could you help someone with doubts about Jesus and His resurrection?