

John 20:1--21:25 **He is Risen**

Women at the Tomb – Mary reports to the Disciples

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Mary Magdalene Met the Risen Lord

11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. **12** And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. **13** Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

Mary reports seeing the Risen Jesus

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

Jesus appeared to the disciples behind closed doors

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." **20** Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21** So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Receive the Holy Spirit

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Doubting Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Many other signs Jesus did – These are written that you may believe

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. NKJV

John 21

Jesus appears at the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee)

¹ After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: ² Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

Jesus said – Cast your net on the right side of the boat – Too many fish to get into the boat

⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

It is Jesus – Fish on the fire

⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. ⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

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¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"--knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. ¹⁴ This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Jesus asked Simon Peter – Do you love Me? – Feed My Lambs, Tend My Sheep, Feed My Sheep

¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

Jesus predicted Peter's death – Follow Me

¹⁸ Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." ¹⁹ This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

What about Him? – What is that to you, you follow Me

²⁰ Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" ²¹ Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." ²³ Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

True Testimony of John

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

The world could not contain the books, if all was written that Jesus did

²⁵ And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Women bring spices to the Tomb of Jesus

✠ The first day of the week, before dawn, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, and the other women from Galilee brought spices to anoint Jesus, "Who will roll the stone from the door?". [Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-3, Luke 24:1, 10, John 20:1]

Stone rolled from the door of the Tomb

✠ And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. [Matthew 28:2-3]

Guards smitten by great Fear

✠ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. [Matthew 28:4]

Angel announces the Resurrection to the women

✠ But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." [Matthew 28:5-7, Mark 16:4-7, Luke 24:2-8]

The women ran to bring word to the disciples

✠ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. [Matthew 28:8, Mark 16:8, Luke 24:9, 11]

- ✧ The words of the women seemed to the disciples like idle tales, and they did not believe the women. [Luke 24:11, Mark 16:11]

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb open and reports to Peter and John

- ✧ On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." [John 20:1-2]

- ✧ Mary Magdalene was the first of the women to arrive, and the one who ran to tell Peter and John, then she returned and lingered at the tomb.

Peter and John check out the report – Empty Tomb

- ✧ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. [John 20:3-10, Luke 24:12]

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- ✧ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

- ✧ Jesus could not be touched by Mary Magdalene at the tomb entrance because He had not yet fulfilled the required duty of the High Priest by making Atonement for the sins of the world. This He fulfilled when He arrived at the Tabernacle in Heaven and delivered His Own blood on the Mercy Seat before the Father. [Hebrews 9:11-12]

There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy-Place, **until he comes out**, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. [Leviticus 16:17]

Mary reports seeing the Risen Jesus

- ✧ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her. [John 20:11-18, Mark 16:9-10]

Jesus appears to the women on their way to the disciples

- ✧ And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." [Matthew 28:9-10]

- ✧ When He had accomplished the work of Atonement at the Mercy Seat in Heaven, Jesus returned and met the women on their way to tell the disciples, and at that time He could be touched. [Leviticus 16:17]

The guards report what they experienced to the Chief Priests and Elders

- ✧ Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. [Matthew 28:11]

Chief Priests bribe the soldiers to misrepresent the event under their protection

- ✧ When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' "And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. [Matthew 28:12-15]

(Even today, over 2,000 years after the report to the Chief Priests by the guards, their false statement, devised by the Counsel at the time of the resurrection of Jesus, is still promoted by sects of Jewish Rabbis who refuse to look at the evidence of Jesus' resurrection.

Because if they would examine the evidence, they would see a need to accept Jesus as the long awaited Messiah Ben-David, and that, by determined choice, they refuse to consider).

(In this we see the willful blindness that many people suffer to the destruction of their own souls. The evidence, and Eye Witness testimony, is plenteous, but men choose to remain in darkness, rather than to seek out the truth revealed in the evidence, for the saving of their own souls. There is no way to convince a person who refuses to consider the evidence available. This is blindness by choice).

Other appearances of Jesus after His Resurrection

- ✧ Then Jesus appeared to the two on their way to Emmaus. [Luke 24:13-35, Mark 16:12-13]
- ✧ Then Jesus appeared to the ten disciples when Thomas was missing. [John 20:19-23, Mark 16:14]
- ✧ Then Jesus appeared to the eleven when Thomas was present and He rebuked them for not believing the report of those who had seen Him earlier. To Thomas, Jesus said, "You are blessed because you have seen, but more blessed are those who have not seen but have believe the report of Eye-Witnesses. [John 20:24-29, Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-43]
- ✧ Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**" And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. [Luke 24:44-45]
- ✧ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And **you are witnesses of these things.** Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." [Luke 24:46-49]

Receive the Holy Spirit

- ✧ And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." [John 20:22-23]
- ✧ The command to receive the Holy Spirit, was to instruct the Disciples to be prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit after Jesus had been received into Heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father when Jesus would not be able to give this command personally.
- ✧ This agrees with the instruction of Jesus before His ascension. [Acts 1:4-8]

- ✧ This receiving of the Holy Spirit was accomplished on the Day of Pentecost ten days after Jesus ascended into Heaven, as confirmed by Peter. [Acts 2:1-33]
- ✧ After receiving the Holy Spirit, the Disciples will be enabled to determine whose sins will be forgiven or retained.
- ✧ This discernment is the work of the Holy Spirit working in the Disciples as He reveals the things of Jesus in their hearts and minds. [John 16:13-15, 1 Corinthians 2:10]

Jesus appears at the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee)

- ✧ After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: [John 21:1]
 - ✧ Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "**I am going fishing.**" They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. [John 21:2-3]
 - ✧ Being fishermen, they decided that this is the time to start providing for their families.
 - ✧ The nights work was fruitless.
 - ✧ But when the morning had now come, **Jesus stood on the shore**; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then **Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?"** They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "**Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.**" So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in **because of the multitude of fish.** [John 21:4-6]
 - ✧ Jesus again demonstrated that His power to provide in abundance did not end when He was crucified, but that He is still Lord over all creation.
 - ✧ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "**It is the Lord!**" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. ⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. [John 21:7-9]
 - ✧ Jesus did not need for them to provide fish from the miraculous catch, because He already had fish on the fire, and bread.

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- ✧ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of **large fish, one hundred and fifty-three**; and although there were so many, **the net was not broken.** [John 21:10-11]
- ✧ Jesus said to them, "**Come and eat breakfast.**" Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"--knowing that it was the Lord. **Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.** This is now **the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.** [John 21:12-14]
 - ✧ When we don't know what to do, we can still trust Jesus to provide.
 - ✧ Jesus is showing the Disciples that they can depend on Him as He sends them out to do His Will.
 - ✧ We can always depend on the Word of our blessed Messiah Jesus.
 - ✧ This was certainly conformation that the Resurrection of Jesus was not an illusion.

Jesus asked Simon Peter – Do you love Me? – Feed My Lambs, Tend My Sheep, Feed My Sheep

- ✧ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, **do you love (agapao – Godly Love) Me more than these (making a living as a fisherman)?"** He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (oilo – have affection for) You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." [John 21:15]

- ✧ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, **do you love (agapaoo – Godly Love) Me?**" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (oilo – have affection for) You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." [John 21:16]
- ✧ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (**oileis – have affection for) Me?**" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "**Do you love (oileis – have affection for) Me?**" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (oilo – have affection for) You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep." [John 21:17]
 - ✧ Jesus required Peter to confess love for Him the same number of times Peter had previously denied knowing Him.
 - ✧ The instructions following each question was to focus Peter's attention on that which he was called to accomplish, where Peter is called to be a fisher of men, not a fisher of fish. [Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:17]
 - ✧ The command is to feed and tend for the flock of the Lord, the Church over which the Apostles were the head.

Jesus predicted Peter's death – Follow Me

- ✧ Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." [John 21:18-19]
- ✧ Peter died as a martyr at the hands of men.

What about Him? – What is that to you? – You follow Me!

- ✧ Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" [John 21:21-22]

Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." [John 21:22]

Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?" [John 21:23]

- ✧ It is human nature, when we receive personal instruction from the Master, to compare ourselves with the ministry of others. Peter did the same.
- ✧ Jesus informed Peter that he is not responsible to be involved in the ministry of another, but each servant is responsible for how he carries out his own appointed task, "You follow Me." [Romans 14:4]
- ✧ Our greatest need is to carefully follow the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully in our own appointed task.
- ✧ Keep your eyes on Christ alone, not on other servants.
- ✧ As is quite common, people often misinterpret the meaning of a saying, so some of the disciples thought it meant that John would not die.
- ✧ John said, that is not what Jesus said, but only that it is none of Peter's business what God has in store for John or any other apostle, but each is responsible toward God for himself.

Eleven disciples met Jesus on mountain in Galilee

- ✧ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. [Matthew 28:16-17]

Great Commission

✠ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

[Matthew 28:18-20]

✠ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." [Mark 16:15-18]

Jesus ascended to Heaven

✠ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. [Luke 24:50-51]

✠ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. [Mark 16:19, Acts 1:1-12]

✠ And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen. [Luke 24:52-53, Acts 1:12]

Disciples are eye-witnesses [Luke 24:48, John 15:27, Acts 1:8, 22, 2:32, 3:15, 4:33, 5:32, 10:38-43, 13:31, 22:14-15, 23:11, 26:15-23, 1 Peter 5:1, 1 John 1:1-3]

✠ And **you are witnesses of these things.** [Luke 24:48]

✧ This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. [John 21:24]

The world could not contain the books written, if all was written concerning Jesus

✧ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. [John 20:30-31]

✧ And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen. [John 21:25]

Preaching with Confirming Signs

✠ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. [Mark 16:20]