

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?...

A Video Bible Study Series

(John 6:68, NIV)

EPISODE 3 – THE RESURRECTION (JOHN 20)

UNWRAPPING EASTER SERIES

- The Easter story is one part of God’s remarkable love story. It began with the story of Adam and Eve how they sinned and destroyed the peace they shared with God. Their relationship was broken.
- Mankind continues to sin, separating us from God, but God had a plan to rescue us. Jesus, the Prince of Peace was born to die on a cross to pay the price for our sin.
- Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested, where He was unfairly tried. They beat Him and nailed Him to a cross until his body was dead. He suffered and died to restore our relationship with God.
- Jesus’ body was then taken down from the cross, wrapped in cloth with spices and laid in a tomb. A big stone was rolled in the entrance.
- We can find the Easter morning story in the **Gospel of John, chapter 20**. It was the morning of the third day that Jesus’ body was in the tomb and it was still dark. It was the first day of the week. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance.
- She ran to Peter and John and said, *“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Him!”* Peter and John ran to the tomb. They both saw that Jesus was not in the tomb, there, but the linen that Jesus was wrapped in was lying there.



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- When John saw the empty tomb and the burial cloth that was left behind, the Gospel said he believed. In **John 20:9** it says, *“They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.”* Peter and John then returned to where they were staying.
- Mary stood outside the tomb crying and she saw two angels dressed in white. *“They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said. “I don’t know where they have put Him.”*
- She turned around and saw Jesus but didn’t realize that it was Him. *“He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?”*
- She thought Jesus was the gardener, so she said, *“Sir, did you carry Him away? Tell me where you put Him. Then I will go and get Him.”*
- Jesus said to her, *“Mary.”* She turned toward Him and knew He was Jesus!
- Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news. She said, *“I have seen the Lord!”*
- Later in the evening, the disciples were together. The door was locked because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, *“May peace be with you!”*
- Jesus showed them His hands where they were nailed to the cross. He showed them His side where a soldier stuck his spear, and the disciples were incredibly happy when they saw the Lord.
- Again, Jesus said, *“May peace be with you!”*
- With His blessing of Peace, Jesus may have been calming His disciples fears and the shock of seeing Him alive. Yet there was much more to His blessing of peace. He was making a declaration!
- The resurrected Jesus is the promised Prince of Peace! Our sins are forgiven, and peace with God is restored!
- Easter is much more than getting dressed up for church and listening to a special music performance. Its more than a holiday with family and a big feast.

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- The resurrection of Jesus proves that Jesus is the Son of God. The fact that Jesus died on the cross doesn't prove it. There are others who followed Jesus that were also crucified. But Jesus defeated death and returned from the grave.
- **Romans 1:4**; *“By the Holy Spirit, He was appointed to be the mighty Son of God. God did this by raising Him from the dead. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.”*
- Jesus' resurrection also demonstrates that He has the power to forgive our sins. **1 Corinthians 15:17**; *“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith doesn't mean anything. Your sins have not been forgiven.”*
- We are forever thankful that God raised Jesus from the dead!
- Jesus also proved that He conquers the price of sin, which is death. His resurrection assures our forgiveness and eternal life if we accept His gift of salvation.
- **Ephesians 2:6**; *“God raised us up with Christ. He has seated us with Him in His heavenly kingdom. That's because we belong to Christ Jesus.”*
- Because of Jesus' resurrection we know Satan is defeated! From the moment Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Satan has battled to deceive us and twist the truth in attempt to overthrow the kingdom of God.
- Satan must have thought he finally beat God in this age-old war when he saw Jesus' body placed in the tomb. But the cross was not a sign of defeat. Instead, the cross was heaven's victory over sin.
- When Jesus rose, the power of sin and death was forever shattered. Because of the resurrection, Christians don't have to fear Satan or death ever again.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who went to the tomb and saw the stone was rolled away?

- Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

2. Which disciples did she tell that Jesus was taken out of the tomb?

- She ran to Peter and John and said, *“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Him!”* Peter and John ran to the tomb.

3. Who did Mary Magdalene talk to near the tomb?

- Mary Magdalene first talked to two angels. She then spoke to a man who she thought was the gardener. But when He said her name, she knew it was Jesus.

4. Why is Jesus called the Prince of Peace?

- Jesus was God’s rescue plan. Jesus came to die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins with restores our peace with God.

5. Why is it important that Jesus rose from the dead?

- The resurrection of Jesus proves that Jesus is the Son of God.
- It demonstrates that Jesus has the power to forgive our sins.
- We know that Satan is defeated!

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Take a few moments to think about some of the things you do that you know you should not do.

2. Do you have a relationship with God? Have you put your trust in Jesus? Do you know how to restore your relationship with God?

- God already did all the work through His Son Jesus to reconcile us to Himself. We only need to trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.