

[BELIEVER'S BIBLE STUDY]

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Chapter 20

INTRODUCTION...

Chapter 20 opens with a rolled away stone and an empty tomb. He is risen! He is risen indeed! The belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is a must in the life of every Christian and lingers in importance to no other doctrine. The Apostle Paul says:

And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

1 Corinthians 15:17

The resurrection of Christ proves all Jesus said about Himself is true and seals for us a hope of eternal life. For as He is, so will we be. For more on the importance of the resurrection of Jesus read 1 Corinthians 15.

In Chapter 20, we see the purpose of this book...which is the purpose of the Bible as a whole. A form of the word “believe” appears in the Gospel of John 85 times (more than any other book in the Bible). In writing this Gospel, John described instances he believed would lead us to believe that Jesus is the Christ and that through Him we may have eternal life. We too as followers of Jesus must live our lives in a way that would lead others to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Be sure that you read the questions carefully to make sure that you have answered the complete question. You will notice that some of the questions may have more than one part.

Remember that you will be using the Inductive Bible Study (IBS) method of study. Which means that in each study you will be required to make observations, interpretations and application of what you have observed and interpreted? (see further explanation in Study #1)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE...

John 20:30-31

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.

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THIS WEEKS BIBLE STUDY...CHAPTER TWENTY...

Be sure and pray before you begin your bible study, asking the Lord to reveal those things that He wants you to know from the text you are reading.

Read through the chapter, at least twice, and then answer the following questions. Be sure to write the Scripture reference to support your answer.

SPECIAL NOTE: The last four chapters of the Gospel of John tell about the arrest, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. These events are the corner stone of the Gospel. Without the death of Jesus, we would have no atonement for our sins; without His resurrection we would have no proof that Jesus is the Messiah; without His ascension we would have no advocate to the Father on our behalf and no Helper to guide us in our walk. It is of the utmost importance that we understand these events as fully as possible. That is why it is vital that we look at what all four Gospel accounts tell us about these events. In order to accurately answer the following questions you will need to read and reference all four Gospel accounts on the events. Be sure to sight your specific scripture references for your answers.

When and what time of the day was it when they went to the tomb?

Who was “the other disciple, whom Jesus loved”?

Why do you think the other disciple didn't go in?

What do you think is the significance of verse 7?

Who went into the tomb first?

What does vs. 9 mean?

When did they recognize Jesus for who He was?

What does "Rabboni" mean?

Why did Jesus say “Do not cling to Me...”?

What day of the week did Jesus appear to the disciples?

What is the significance about Jesus’ appearing to the disciples in vs. 19?

How did they know it was Jesus?

What is significant about what Jesus said in vs. 21?

What does vs. 23 mean?

Who was Thomas?

Where does the term “Doubting Thomas” come from?

What do you think was going on in Thomas’ head and heart when he realized it was Jesus?

A...What are the applications to our lives as you read vs.26-29?

Look up and read Acts 2:1-4 and compare it to vs. 22. What do you think about these two incidents involving the Holy Spirit? Are they the same or different?

What do we learn about Jesus' heart for us as we read these verses?

Why did John write this Gospel?

Write down some of the things that the Lord spoke to your heart while studying Chapter 20?

QUESTIONS?...

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