

Easter

Lesson 5

John 20:17-31

April 17, 2022

The Resurrection Rings True

INTRODUCTION

John 20:31 reads, “But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John’s purpose for writing this book wasn’t to convince you to believe generalities about Jesus. Rather, it shows us that through Jesus we see God. He wants readers to know that Jesus is God’s son and that to believe in Him, we not only profess our faith in God’s word, but are transformed by God, forgiven by God, and saved by God.

The Gospel of John is not a comprehensive story of the life of Jesus. It leaves out His birth and baptism. It doesn’t list the disciples, tell any parables, or show Jesus casting out demons. Instead, it is a carefully selected eyewitness account of who Jesus was (is) and the miracles He performed. The sole purpose for the book of John is so that people will know, unequivocally, that Jesus is God’s son.

Memory verse: “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’ She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means ‘Teacher’).” —John 20:16

Pray, and read John 20:17-31. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?

1. Why can we believe in the resurrection?
(Matthew 28:6, 12-13; Mark 8:31; Acts 2:32;
1 Corinthians 15:6-8)

2. In what ways does believing in the resurrection have
the power to transform? (Romans 12:1-2;
Galatians 1:15-16, 2:20; Philippians 3:8-11)

3. Like Thomas, many of us have our doubts about who
Jesus really is. How do we overcome them? (Proverbs
3:5-8; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 2:13; James 1:6)

4. In John 20:21, Jesus says, “As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.” How does the resurrection equip us to go out into the world with the message of salvation? (Zechariah 4:6; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. How have you experienced Jesus’ transformative power? Write a prayer asking God to intervene in your life.

2. Do you have doubts about Jesus and/or God? What doubts do you have, and how will you try to overcome them?

3. What is the main hindrance keeping you from being a witness for Christ?