

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**  
**The Resurrection**  
**John 20:1-29**

**BIBLE IN A YEAR READING PLAN**

Apr 14 1 Kings 6-7	Apr 18 1 Kings 15-17
Apr 15 1 Kings 8-9	Apr 19 1 Kings 18-20
Apr 16 1 Kings 10-11	Apr 20 1 Kings 20-22
Apr 17 1 Kings 12-14	Apr 21 1 Kings 23-25

**Lesson Introduction:** *This week, we will have students going on a retreat to focus on the fact that Jesus is risen. Our children will be participating in Good Friday Bible School, where they will learn of the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Pastor Stan will be preaching on the resurrection from 1 Corinthians 15 on Easter Sunday. In keeping with this theme, we will take a break from our study of Mark during the Sunday School hour, in order to focus our attention on the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection is the most vital event in Christian history, for without it, our faith would be in vain, for there would be no hope of the resurrection of our bodies and eternal life with God (1 Corinthians 15:12-19). As we study this week, may our hearts be set on the most glorious truth imaginable: Our Savior, Who died for our sins, is alive and seated at the right hand of the Father!*

**FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS OF THE PASSAGE:**

- **Jesus is alive**
- **The Resurrection validates our faith and gives us assurance for the future (1 Corinthians 15)**
- **The Resurrection of Christ brings us peace (V. 19-21)**

**John 20:1-23 English Standard Version**

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following

him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**Discussion:**

-Why did Mary Magdalene think that someone had taken the Lord's body out of the tomb? (V. 1-2)

- What did Peter and John discover when they went into the tomb? (V. 3-7)

- Jesus' body had been wrapped in linen cloths and another cloth had covered His head. Why do you think that John told us that the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings? (V. 6-7)

**Note: One of the ways the Jewish leaders tried to deny the resurrection of Jesus was to say His disciples had stolen the body, even though two Roman soldiers were guarding the tomb. If they had stolen Jesus' body, they would have left it wrapped up to not get His blood on themselves, so the cloths would have been gone too. Also, if they had stolen the body, they would have been in a hurry, so they wouldn't have taken time to "fold up" the head covering and set it in a separate place.**

-John himself was "the disciple who had reached the tomb first." When he went into the tomb, it says "he saw and believed." What did he believe? (V. 8-10)

-After Peter and John left, what did Mary do next and what did she see? (V. 11-13)

-When Mary turned around, she saw someone but didn't recognize Him. Why do you think she didn't recognize it was Jesus? When did she recognize Him (V. 14-16)

-What did Jesus tell Mary to do and to say? Why? (V. 17-18)

-Why were the disciple afraid of the Jewish leaders? (V. 19)

-How did Jesus suddenly get into a room where all the doors were locked? What does this say about the power of Jesus? Why did He say: "Peace be with you."?

**Note: This was the common greeting among God's people — "Shalom." The Bible tells us that Jesus was the One Who came to bring us true peace. In fact, the angels proclaimed at His birth: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, good will to men" (Luke 2:14).**

-Why did Jesus show the disciples His wounds? (V. 20)

-What does it mean that "He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit"? How do we receive the Holy Spirit? (Titus 3:3-8)

-What does Jesus mean in V. 23?

-How do we see God's grace towards Thomas? (V. 24-28)

-Who does V. 29 refer to?

**Application:**

-What does the resurrection tell us about God's redemptive plan?

-How does the doctrine of the resurrection affect our daily lives (1 Corinthians 15)