

An Empty Tomb & Eye-Witnesses

JOHN 20:1-31

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1. John and the Empty Tomb

- John first believed in the resurrection based on the evidence of the empty tomb

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Q: *What is the significance of the empty tomb?*

- it requires an explanation (how?)
- Jesus was raised bodily (not “spiritually”)

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2. Mary and the Mistaken Identity

- Mary had no thought of the resurrection – she was seeking the dead body of Jesus
- Jesus was raised bodily, yet transformed
- Jesus’ relationship to His followers will now be different, yet better

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3. Thomas and the Blessing of Belief

- Thomas represents how unlikely the idea of resurrection was to the disciples
- Thomas represents the only appropriate response to the risen Jesus – the confession *“my Lord and my God”*

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Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.” (v. 29)

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These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

(John 20:31)