



**The Risen Lord
(John 20)**
Questions: Week Twenty

The Empty Tomb - [John 20:1-9](#)

Topics: [Basics of the Faith](#), [Believe](#), [Death](#), [Doctrine](#), [Doubt](#), [Expectations](#),
[Fear](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Prophecy](#), [Resurrection](#), [Running](#),
[Sorrow](#), [Surprises](#), [Understanding](#)

Open It

1. What is one dark moment of your life that ended happily?
2. *Why do people visit the grave sites of close friends and family members?
3. About what sort of news would you get excited right now?

Explore It

4. *What did Mary Magdalene discover when she went to Jesus' tomb? ([20:1](#))
5. What did Mary Magdalene tell Peter? When? ([20:2](#))
6. Who responded to the news Mary brought? ([20:3](#))
7. *How did Peter respond to what Mary told him? ([20:3](#))
8. Who examined Jesus' tomb? ([20:4-5](#))
9. What did John discover when he arrived at the tomb? ([20:4-5](#))
10. What did Peter discover when he arrived at the tomb? ([20:6-7](#))
11. What did John do after he looked in the tomb? ([20:8](#))
12. *How did John respond to what he found in the tomb? ([20:8](#))
13. What did Peter and John not understand even after they visited Jesus' empty tomb? ([20:9](#))

Get It

14. Why do you think Mary went to the tomb?
15. *If you had been either Mary, Peter, or John, what thoughts would have run through your mind when you discovered the empty tomb?
16. When have you made an exciting, unexpected discovery?
17. How do you usually respond to life's unexpected events?
18. *What motivates us to share our surprises (both pleasant and unpleasant) with other people?
19. When has a positive happening in your life appeared at first to be a confusing, unfortunate, or tragic event?

Apply It

20. What truths of the gospel do you want to investigate more closely over the next few weeks? How can you?
21. *Whom do you need to tell about the empty tomb of Christ? How?
22. How can you celebrate the resurrection of Christ next Easter?

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene - [John 20:10-18](#)

Topics: [Affections](#), [Angels](#), [Death](#), [Devotion](#), [Discouragement](#),
[Emotions](#), [Encouragement](#), [God](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Joy](#),
[Love](#), [Relationships](#), [Resurrection](#), [Surprises](#)

Open It

1. How has someone recently surprised you with what he or she did or said?
2. *What is the most exciting news you've heard this week?

Explore It

3. What did Mary and the disciples do after seeing that Jesus' body was gone? ([20:10-11](#))
4. What did Mary see where Jesus' body had been? ([20:12](#))
5. *What did the angels ask Mary? ([20:13](#))
6. How did Mary answer the angels' question? ([20:13](#))
7. Who tried to comfort Mary? ([20:14-15](#))
8. What question did Jesus ask Mary? ([20:15](#))
9. How did Mary respond to Jesus' question? ([20:15](#))
10. *What happened when Mary realized who was talking to her? ([20:16](#))
11. Why did Jesus tell Mary not to hold on to Him? ([20:17](#))
12. *What did Jesus tell Mary to tell His brothers? ([20:17](#))
13. What did Mary do? ([20:18](#))

Get It

14. How would you respond if you met someone you had presumed to be dead?
15. What would you do if you saw an angel?
16. Over what loss have you recently shed tears?
17. How do you think Mary felt when she realized she was talking to Jesus?
18. When is it tempting to hold on to something good rather than share it with others?
19. *If you had been one of the disciples who had heard Mary's exciting news, how do you think you would have reacted?
20. *When have you been exceptionally thrilled about your relationship with Christ?
21. How can you demonstrate your devotion to Jesus?

Apply It

22. Who is someone you want to tell about the news of Jesus' resurrection? How can you?
23. *How can you celebrate your relationship with the living Christ this week?

Jesus Appears to His Disciples - [John 20:19-23](#)

Topics: [Evidence](#), [Fear](#), [Forgiveness](#), [God](#), [Holy Spirit](#),
[Jesus Christ](#), [Joy](#), [Peace](#), [Resurrection](#), [Sin](#)

Open It

1. Where is it dangerous to openly follow Christ today?
2. What hideaways did you have when you were growing up?
3. *What friend or relative that you haven't seen for a while would you be overjoyed to see again?

Explore It

4. What day of the week was it when the disciples were together? ([20:19](#))
5. Why did the disciples have the doors locked? ([20:19](#))
6. Who surprised the disciples in their hideaway? ([20:19](#))
7. *What did Jesus say to the disciples? When? ([20:19](#))
8. What did Jesus show His disciples? Why? ([20:20](#))
9. *How did the disciples respond to seeing Jesus? ([20:20](#))
10. What greeting did Jesus repeat? ([20:21](#))
11. What did Jesus tell His disciples about their future? ([20:21](#))
12. Why did Jesus breathe on His disciples? ([20:22](#))
13. What did Jesus tell the disciples to receive? ([20:22](#))
14. *What did Jesus tell His disciples about forgiving sins? ([20:23](#))

Get It

15. When have you been afraid to follow Jesus openly?
16. *If you had been in that room with the disciples, how might you have reacted when Jesus appeared?
17. *When have you been overjoyed to see someone?
18. To whom has Jesus sent us?
19. To whom has Jesus sent you?
20. Why is it important for us to forgive others?
21. When is it most difficult for you to forgive?
22. What can we do to become forgiving of others?

Apply It

23. Whom do you need to forgive?
24. Whose forgiveness do you need to seek? How can you?
25. *With whom do you want to share your joy in Christ?

Jesus Appears to Thomas - [John 20:24-31](#)

Topics: [Believe](#), [Bible](#), [Christianity](#), [Confession](#), [Doubt](#), [Eternal Life](#), [Evidence](#), [God](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Life](#), [Miracles](#), [Peace](#), [Resurrection](#), [Salvation](#)

Open It

1. Why do people write books?
2. *What book (besides the Bible) have you enjoyed most?
3. When have you doubted a story from a reliable source?

Explore It

4. What disciple was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them? ([20:24](#))
5. What had the other disciples told Thomas? ([20:24](#))
6. *What did Thomas say he needed in order to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead? ([20:25](#))
7. How did Jesus restore Thomas's faith? ([20:26](#))
8. *What did Jesus say to Thomas? ([20:27](#))
9. What did Thomas say in response to Jesus' words? ([20:28](#))
10. *What did Jesus say about seeing and believing? ([20:29](#))
11. What did John leave out of his Gospel? ([20:30](#))
12. Why was the book of John written? ([20:31](#))
13. What results from believing that Jesus is the Son of God? ([20:31](#))

Get It

14. When have you had doubts about your faith in Christ?
15. How should we deal with our doubts about Christianity?
16. *Why is it difficult to believe in Christ?
17. In what ways do we need to trust Christ?
18. On what evidence do you rely for your belief that Jesus rose from the dead?
19. *What sort of evidence for the truth of Christianity has John given us?

Apply It

20. What doubts concerning your faith in Christ do you want to discuss with a knowledgeable believer?
21. How can you use the Gospel of John to tell others about Jesus?