

BIBLE STUDY on JOHN (NIV) Part 29

JESUS RISES FROM THE DEAD

John 20 v 1 - 9

“1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon-Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don’t know where they have put Him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon-Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb.

He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.”



Why the Resurrection is So Important

Job asked the question long ago, “**If a man dies, will he live again?**” (*Job 14 v 14*) This was his glad answer: “**I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.**” (*Job 19 v 25, 26*). Yes, because I (Jesus) live, you also will live. (*John 14 v 19*)

“For to be sure, He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by God’s power. Likewise we are weak in Him, yet by God’s power we will live with Him to serve you.” (*2 Corinthians 13 v 4*) The whole gospel message was summarized by Paul in two verses: **“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures and that He appeared to Peter and then to the Twelve.”** (*1 Corinthians 15 v 3, 4*) If it were not for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we would have nothing to preach. We would have no hope. We would still be living in our sins and doomed to death. But, praise God, Jesus *is* alive and He can live in *you!* **“And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who lives in you.”** (*Romans 8 v 11*)

Now We Must Live for Him

“For Christ’s love compels us because we are convinced that one died for all and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.” (*2 Corinthians 5 v 14, 15*) We were dead in our sins when Christ died for us; now we are alive to God. We are new creations in Him. We must not live this new life for ourselves but for *Him!* You do not belong to yourself now. **“You were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.”** (*1 Corinthians 6 v 20*)

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