

The Gospel of John

The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 20:11-31

5/17/20 AM

WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD!

Introduction:

blepo (vs. 5) = see/observe (John arrived first and peered in)
theoreo (vs. 6) = examine/investigate (Peter rushed in and checked it out)
eidon (vs. 8) = perceive/understand (John figured it out, he "got it")
horao (vs. 18) = experience, sense perception (Mary's experience here!)

16:16-19 - "In a little while you will see (*horao*) me no more, then after a little while you will see me."

I. REVELATION AT THE EMPTY TOMB (20:11-18)

A. Mary's Recognition of the Lord (vs. 11-17)

Her Initial Distress (vs. 11-13)

- "standing outside the tomb...stooped and looked"
- "two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying"
- "Woman, why are you weeping?" (even angels have to ask)
- "they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him"



Her Increasing Despair (vs. 14-15)

- "she turned around and saw Jesus standing there...supposing Him to be the gardener"
- "tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away"

Her Instant Delight (vs. 16-17)

- "Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' "
- " 'Rabboni!' (which means, Teacher)"
- "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father"
- "go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.' "

B. Mary's Report to the Disciples (vs.18)

"Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and that He had said these things to her"

II. REVELATION IN THE UPPER ROOM (20:19-23)

A. The Disciples' Initial Fears (vs. 19)

“so when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week”

“the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews”

“Jesus came and stood in their midst” (c.f. Luke.24:37)

“Peace be with you.” (*Shalom aleichem!*)

B. The Disciples' Instant Faith (vs. 20-23)

“He showed them both His hands and His side”

“the disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord”

“Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’ “

“If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.”

III. SPECIAL REVELATION TO A DOUBTER (20:24-29)

A. Thomas' Initial Reluctance (vs. 24-25)

“Thomas...called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came”

“So the other disciples were saying to him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ ”

“Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

B. Thomas' Instant Recognition (vs. 26-29)

“after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them”

“Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ”

“Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

“My Lord and my God!”

“Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

Conclusion:

Food for Thought:

- 1) Why is it important to affirm that our faith is based on objective, historical facts, not on subjective feelings?
- 2) What are the biblical limits to proper grieving?
- 3) What causes you most to struggle with doubt? How can you overcome these doubts?
- 4) How much does a person need to know about Jesus in order to believe in Him for salvation? Can he get saved if he believes in a false Jesus?