

From Mystery to Understanding

John 20:1 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.)

In this Series, We Will Learn That . . .

. . . There is a beginning and ending to _____. We need to welcome changes and look for the _____ they provide.

The Background that John Provides

1. This event happened on a _____ before _____.

Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

1Cor. 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Many Christians believe that the resurrection of Jesus _____ the _____ of worship.

2. The stone had already been _____ from the entrance.

Matt. 27:66 So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

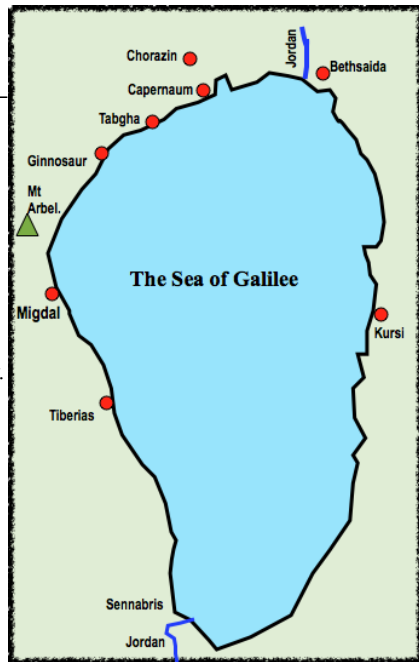
Matt. 28:2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

Mary Magdalene

1. Mary was the one whom Jesus had _____ of demon-possession.

Luke 8:2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;

Tradition says:



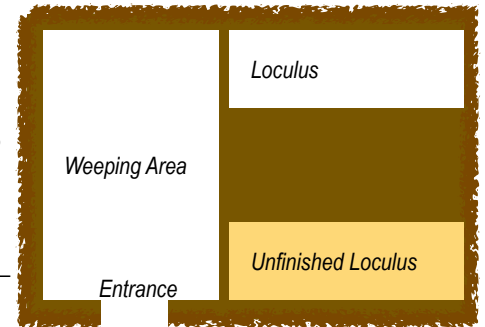
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John 20:4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

2. Mary ran to the _____ where Peter and John were _____.
Peter and John were _____ from the _____ disciples.
There is a focus here on _____ and _____.

Peter and John

1. John, the younger disciple, who never _____ himself, outruns the _____ man. But he refuses to _____ the tomb.



2. Peter, though, arrived at the tomb and went directly _____.
3. The linen strips were of great _____ to _____ men.
John 19:40 Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. . .
John 20:5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter, . . . saw the strips of linen lying there,

The Lesson Here

- 1. No one was _____ Jesus to come _____ from the dead!
- 2. They didn't understand Jesus' _____ nor the _____.
John 20:9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)
- 3. But, what John _____ made him _____ in the resurrection!
John 20:8 Finally the other disciple, . . . also went inside. He saw and believed.
- 4. Luke and Mary were _____ to believe.
Luke 24:12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

So, What do YOU believe?

Rom. 10:9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.