

"HOW JOHN CAME TO BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION"

JOHN 20:1-10

I. THIS TWENTIETH CHAPTER CONTAINS FOUR EPISODES IN WHICH THE LORD ACTUALLY CREATES THE FAITH THAT WILL FOLLOW HIM

- A. Christ's Appearance To The Previously Missing Skeptic (20:24-29)
- B. Christ's Appearance To The First Ten Minus Thomas (20:19-23)
- C. Christ's First Post Resurrection Appearance To Mary Magdalene (20:11-18)
- D. Christ's Resurrection Via John's Personal Testimony (20:1-10)

II. IT IS APPARENT THAT NEITHER JOHN NOR ANY OTHER FOLLOWER OF THE LORD WAS EXPECTING RESURRECTION

- A. Mary Magdalene's State Of Mind On That First Day Of The Week
 - 1. Mark Tells Us That She And Four Others Had Been Discussing How They Could Ever Remove The Enormous Cover Stone
 - 2. The Other Gospels Tell Us That They Were Going With More Spices To Prepare The Lord's Body For Its Complete Burial
 - 3. None Of Them Were Anticipating Resurrection
- B. Mary Magdalene Initially Misinterprets The Lord's Missing Body

III. BOTH JOHN & PETER DISCOVERED THAT SOMETHING VERY UNUSUAL HAD HAPPENED TO THE LORD'S BODY (20:3-7)

- A. They Each See The Configuration Of The Linen & The Napkin (20:5-7)
- B. The Heretofore Stricken & Shattered John Came To Believe In The Bodily Resurrection Of Christ (20:8)
- C. John Had Never Understood The Prophetic Scriptures Concerning This Event (20:9)