

“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)