

John 20:1 – 31

The Risen Jesus

Jesus did what?!



NOT the Risen Jesus

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*“We are the Circumcision:
Philippians 3”*



Explore: 4 different pictures of belief in the resurrected Jesus

- 1) “Other disciple” - saw Jesus’ empty tomb*
- 2) Mary – recognized Jesus at tomb*
- 3) 10 Disciples – “received the Holy Spirit”*
- 4) Thomas – touched Jesus’ wounds*

Apply: How can we get to know God better each day and grow our faith just as we grew our relationship with our spouse?

Resurrection in the Gospels

Gospel of Matthew – appearance to women at tomb; focus on Galilee and Great Commission

*Gospel of Mark – resurrection but no appearances of Christ (16:1-8)**

Gospel of Luke – longest passage; focus on evidence of resurrection from multiple stories; creedal formulae

**I am leaving out the longer ending of Mark (vv.9-20) which is NOT original to the Gospel per early manuscripts and the Church Fathers*

Large opening; no rolling stone

Bench style platform for holding
body



Garden Tomb in Jerusalem
8th c BCE Tomb Style

Empty space underneath



Multiple bodies laid out at once



Empty space underneath

Other 8th c BCE Tombs (across
the Hinnom Valley in
Jerusalem from Garden Tomb
at St Andrews Church)

Headrest for skull

Headrest for skull

Bench style platform
for holding body

Empty space
underneath



Tombs at Ecole Biblique (same tomb
grouping as Garden Tomb)

Track for rolling stone
(keeps stone from falling
over)



Small opening into larger chamber
(2' W x 3' H)

1st c CE Tomb of Queen Helene in
Jerusalem



Bench inside tomb cut
along wall for laying bodies
on

Kohkim where bodies were
placed for 1st year to
decompose





Kohkim – note the notches cut out for wooden doors

After 1st year, remains gathered and placed into ossuary box in tomb



This is Caiaphas' – yes, that guy

John 20:1 - 9

What is Mary's first reaction?

What did the "other disciple" see?

How would you describe his belief?



John 20: 10 - 18

What did it take for Mary to recognize Jesus?

What is her reaction to Jesus revealing himself?

What does Jesus mean by telling Mary not to “hold onto” him?



John 20: 19 - 29

What did Jesus do
when he showed up?



How do we deal with Acts 2?

How would you describe Thomas' faith?

John 20: 30 - 31

What does the ending
tell us about the stories of
Jesus?



What's the purpose of the Gospel of John?

Application

What does it mean when we say, “I believe in Jesus Christ?”

Is there necessary content? Is there necessary emotion? What is necessary from a spiritual standpoint?

Where do we go from there? What are our next steps?

How do we make that happen?