

Study Questions for John 20

- **Note: Verse 1** tells us that *the stone had been taken away from the tomb*. The Greek implies that it was not rolled away, but lifted up out of its groove in some violent way.
- What evidence of Jesus' resurrection is recorded in this chapter?
- The disciples still did not understand that the Scriptures predicted the Resurrection even after they observed evidence that began to convince them that a resurrection had occurred (20:9). Why is this significant?
- What do the following passages suggest about the resurrected Jesus, especially about His body?
 - 20:14; 21:4
 - 20:19, 26
 - 20:20, 27
- Why do you think Mary recognized Jesus when He said her name (20:16)? (See 10:3–4.)
- What is significant about the way Jesus refers to God in 20:17?
- “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (20:21). What does this comparison tell you about the mission Jesus has given to His followers?
- **Note: Breathed on them (20:22)**. Jesus re-created His disciples just as God created man in the beginning (Genesis 2:7). The spirit/breath in a person gives him or her physical life; the Spirit/breath of God gives him or her eternal life. Ezekiel 37:3–5 prophesied this life-giving breathing.
- Read **20:23**. What is the meaning of this power to forgive and retain sins? Who has it? How is it exercised?
- What did Thomas realize when he saw Jesus (20:28)?
- What can we learn from Thomas's experience?
- In your view, is Thomas's response to the news of resurrection unreasonable (20:24–25)? Why or why not?
- As it turned out, did Thomas have to put his finger in Jesus' wounds in order to believe (20:27–29)? Why is this important?