

John 20:11-18
Resurrected Joy!

INTRO: The dangers of an incomplete message (past and present).

“Wellington defeated..._____.”

John 20:11-18 Sermon Outline

1) **Mary’s Brokenhearted _____.**

(John 20:11-12)

2) **Mary’s _____ Blindness.**

(John 20:13-15)

3) Mary's Resurrected _____.

(John 20:15-18)

For Further Reflection: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just sermon connoisseurs*

What is the most important thing you heard today? How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted? What do you want to study further as a result of listening to today's message?

How does John 18-20 (Good Friday and Easter/Resurrection Sunday) help believers enter the "Thanksgiving and Christmas" season in a manner that honors the LORD?

Talk about how the opening sermon illustration (England's war with Napoleon) illustrated today's exposition of John 20:11-18. Have you ever responded wrongly to what proved to be an *incomplete* message? There is no gospel (or Merry Christmas) apart from a literal, historic, bodily resurrection! This event is of "first-rate" importance! We cannot be fuzzy on John 19-20.

How does the death of a loved one impact people (even believers)? Discuss Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a, 4. What does it mean to "grieve with hope"? 1 Thess. 4:13f.

Has there ever been a time in your life when you were so emotional and/or distraught that you became (temporarily) spiritually blind? Explain.

Why did the preacher label this passage/sermon, "Resurrected Joy?"

Add the following Resurrection songs to your playlist and let me know in a few weeks how this impacts your daily walk. Note: *Hail the Day!* Sovereign Grace; *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*; Hymn. *Christ Arose!* (*Lo in the Grave He Lays*); *See What a Morning!* Getty music. *Was it a Morning Like This?* Sandi Patty; *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*. Getty music. *Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!* Getty music. *All Hail the Glorious Christ!* Sovereign Grace.

What are some other resurrection hymns/songs that are edifying?

What is "the Magdalene mission and what do you have in common with it?" The LORD chose both *female* and *male* disciples to bear witness to the most important event in history! All believers are called to share the gospel message today as well via local outreach and personal evangelism! "*You shall be My witnesses!*" If you are interested in serving in one of our two, after-school *Good News Clubs*, please see Laura Lee or Mary Benson. We are also hosting two Christmas outreach events at the Pabst Farms YMCA on Saturday, December 2.

Memorize Romans 10:9 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Note Acts 1:3. The Gospel is inseparably linked to three historical events (1 Cor. 15:3-4; Romans 10:9). If the bodily resurrection of Christ *never happened*, what difference would it make? (1 Cor. 15:12f)

A theologically misinformed believer is often a very confused disciple. How is this illustrated in John 20 and how is this seen today in the contemporary church? (Note Eph. 4:11-16)

Our church prayer chain includes many health concerns, various sicknesses, and death notices. What are some of things that you've heard about lately within our church family? What are some of your own physical struggles or health ailments that you're going through? How does Christ's *bodily* resurrection (John 20) bring hope and encouragement to beleaguered believers? (note 1 Cor. 15:20-49) Keep in mind that the true gospel involves the redemption of body and soul!

Please review your notes from the previous few John 19-20 expositions.

John 20:1-10 presents 3 affirming witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ

- 1) **The Rolled Away Stone.** (*John 20:1-2; Matthew 28:1-4; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-2*)
- 2) **The Cadaver-less Grace Clothes.** (*John 20:3-5*)
- 3) **The Empty Tomb.** (*John 20:6-10; Luke 24:9-12*)

5 Practical Applications for Long-Term Impact (John 20:1-10)

- I) *Bask in the light of resurrection glory; (John 20; 1 Cor. 15).*
- II) *Allow resurrection hope to literally fill your life with joy and purpose! (Rom. 8:18-25).*
- III) *For those grieving the passing of a beloved Christian, take heart! (John 11:25f; 1 Thess. 4:13-18) Jesus' bodily resurrection personally guarantees ours!*
- IV) *For the sick, who wonder if the end is near, be not afraid! (1 Cor. 15:55)*
- V) *May we wait eagerly for the blessed hope- the appearing and glory of our great God and Living Savior, Jesus Christ! (Phil. 3:20-21)*

The Unexpectedly Spectacular Burial of King Jesus Underscores 3 Timeless Truths:

- 1) The Wonder of God's Sovereign Majesty! (*John 19:38-39; Isaiah 53:8-9; Matt. 10:29-30; Acts 4:26f*)
- 2) The Courage of Genuine Discipleship. (*John 19:38-40; Acts 4:31; Luke 9:23-25; Col 4:2-3*)
- 3) The Majesty of Jesus' Royal Burial. (*John 19:39-42; Isaiah 53; Matthew 12*)

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