

John 20:24-29
The Pinnacle Proclamation!

INTRO: If you were only remembered for the thing(s) you said/did in your worst moment(s), what would people call you? How do these nicknames relate to John 20?

Today's climatic passage also contains the highest pinnacle in John's Gospel!

Sermon Outline: John 20:24-29

1) **Resurrection** _____.

2) **Resurrection** _____.

3) **The Climatic** _____!

The Dogmatic _____!

The Pinnacle Proclamation!

4) **The Final** _____.

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?

If you were only remembered for the thing(s) you said/did in your worst moment(s), what would people call you? Why is Thomas' nickname unduly harsh?

Do you remember what the most important word in the Bible is? What passage in John's Gospel is this key Greek word found in? Today's passage contains (arguably) the most important verse in the Gospel of John; the climatic confession that underscores the book's overarching thesis (John 20:30-31). What verse am I talking about? How can this verse be used in evangelism and in apologetics?

How does the initial doubts and skepticism surrounding the miraculous resurrection of Christ (by Jesus' own disciples no less) actually strengthen its historical authenticity. In the 4 Gospels, how does the Holy Spirit prove to the reader that the tomb is empty because Jesus rose from the dead?

What is the last biblical truth/promise that you doubted/questioned? Explain.

How is the faith of believers today *even more blessed* than that of the original apostles? Meditate on and consider memorizing 1 Peter 1:8-9; John 20:29b.

"The resurrection was the triune God's 'Amen' to all that Christ did on earth as Mediator." Mark Jones. John Knox called the bodily resurrection of Christ the chief article of the faith. By raising Christ from the dead, the Father "established both His authority and His acceptance that Jesus did all that was required in His covenant with the Father (Psalm 89)." Mark Jones.

Read Romans 1:4. How does the resurrection act as the greatest sign that Jesus is in fact God incarnate, the eternal Son of God? Christ's death will end in victory! Glory, Hallelujah!

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.

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)

Please review your notes from the previous John 20 sermon expositions.

John 20:19-23 Sermon Outline

- 1) Jesus' Unexpected Appearance! (John 20:19-20a)
- 2) Cloud 9 Comfort and Joy. (John 20:20-21a)
- 3) The Pre-Great Commission Declaration! (John 20:22-23)

What are the three components of this important ministry assignment?

John 20:11-18 Sermon Outline

- 1) Mary's Brokenhearted Sorrow. (John 20:11-12)
- 2) Mary's Grief-Stricken Blindness. (John 20:13-15)
- 3) Mary's Resurrected Joy (John 20:15-18)

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 Grave 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! Grieve with HOPE!*
- 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-*

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