

John 20:1-10
Evidence That Demands a Verdict!

INTRO: 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)

Today's sermon text (John 20:1-10) highlights
3 affirming witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ

1) **The Rolled Away** _____.

(John 20:1-2; Matthew 28:1-4; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-2)

2) **The Cadaver-less** _____.

(John 20:3-5)

3) **The _____ Tomb.**

(John 20:6-10; Luke 24:9-12)

Practical Applications for Long-Term impact

I) Bask in the light of _____.

II) Allow resurrection hope to _____
_____.

III) For those grieving the passing of a beloved Christian, _____.

IV) For the sick, who wonder if the end is near, _____.

V) May we wait eagerly for _____
_____.

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?

Christians celebrate "Good Friday/Communion" throughout the year (as we should). Sadly, we often confine Resurrection-themed sermons and songs to once a year at Easter. Why would it be profitable to celebrate the empty tomb more often than we often do?

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); Hymn. Because He Lives (AMEN); 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 you enjoy?

Memorize Romans 10:9 and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Note Acts 1:3.

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 as 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 2 Christmas outreach events at the YMCA on December 2.

According to Matt. 27 three major obstacles stand in the way of the empty tomb being a "body burglary." What three "S's" were mentioned during the sermon? The tomb of Christ is empty but not because someone stole Jesus' body. The tomb is empty but not because Jesus wasn't really dead. That's also a foolish lie! The historic resurrection is confirmed by many facts and witnesses! Note 1 Cor. 15:1-11.

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!

For one possible harmonization of the 4 Gospels (with regards to the resurrection of Christ accounts) review the following article- "Christ's Resurrection—Four Accounts, One Reality." You can read the article here- <https://answersingenesis.org/jesus/resurrection/christs-resurrection-four-accounts-one-reality/>

How does John 18-20 help believers enter the "Thanksgiving" season in a manner that honors the LORD?

Review the five applicational points mentioned at the end of today's message. What other related points of application would you add to my list?

Jesus of Nazareth died a true death on a historical cross for the actual sins of real sinners. May we honor the Savior-King in all you say and do as we “crown Him” Lord of all!

Review your notes and these outlines from previous John 19:23-42 expositions.

3 Essential Lessons from the Cross

- 1) The Sovereign Purposes of God Fulfilled at Calvary. (*John 19:23-24*)
- 2) A Striking Contrast of Faith and Unbelief at Calvary. (*John 19:25; Gal. 6:24*)
- 3) Some Unforgettable Words of Life at Calvary. (*John 19:26-30*)
 - A) A Word of Infinite Compassion; (*John 19:26-27; Psalm 51:1*).
 - B) A Word of Fulfillment and Anguish; (*John 19:28-29; Psalm 69:21*).
 - C) A Word of Final Victory; (*John 19:30; Tetelestai; τετέλεσται*)

In John 19:31-37, the Death of Christ is presented via 3 Lenses:

Lens 1): An Historical Post-Mortem Report. (*John 19:31-34*)

What happened? What did not happen? Who cares?

Lens 2) A Personal Eyewitness Account (*John 19:26-27; 35. 1 John 1:1-4*)

Lens 3) God’s Prophetic Program (*John 19:28-30, 36-37; Ex. 12:43-46; Rev. 13:18; Isaiah 53; Zech. 12-14*)

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; Colossians 4:2-3*)
- 3) The Majesty of Jesus’ Royal Burial. (*John 19:39-42; Isaiah 53; Matthew 12*)

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