

Life Group / Reflection Questions

Read John 20:1-31

Context:

- What is the purpose of the Gospel of John? How does this story help communicate John's purpose? Read John 20:30-31
- Who was the other disciple in John 20:8? What other characters do we see in this passage of scripture? Why are they important to the credibility of Jesus' resurrection?
- What was the range of emotions portrayed by the disciples in this passage of scripture? Why do you think John felt it was important to capture such a wide range of emotion?

Intended Meaning of The Text:

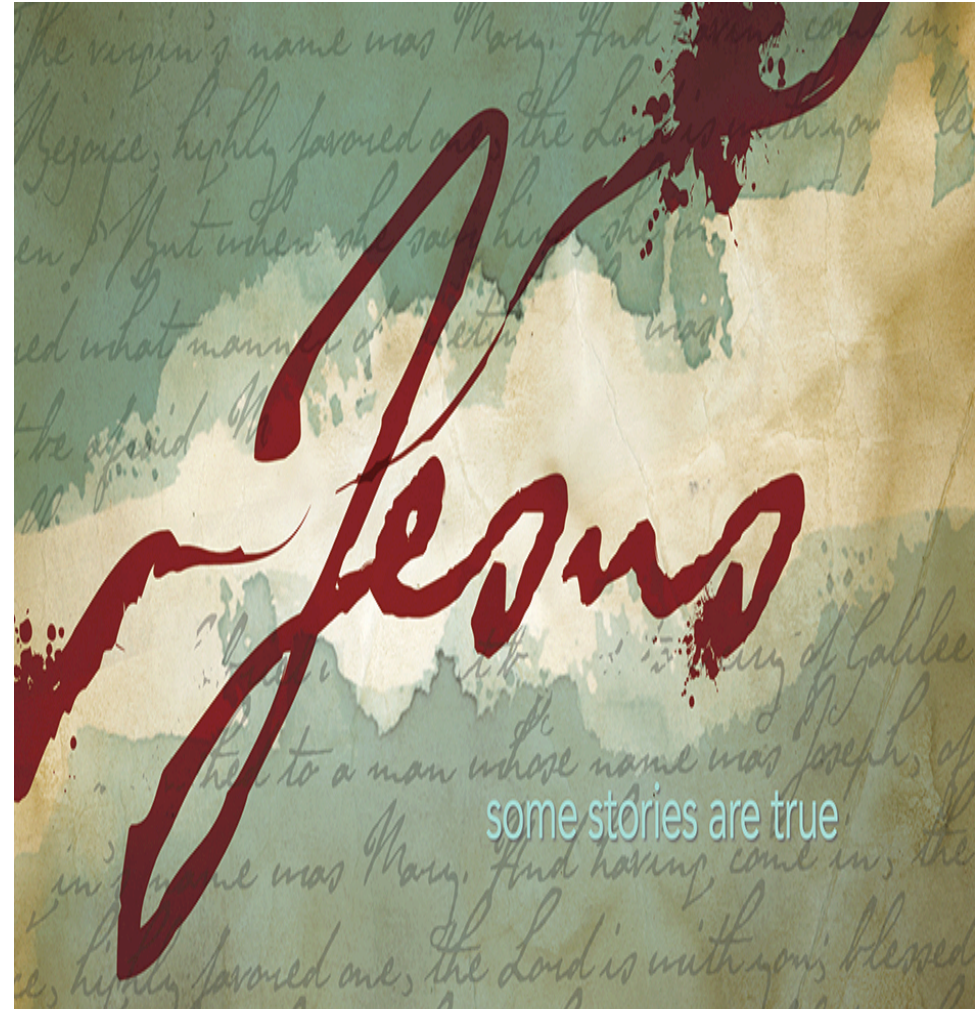
- What was John trying to show us about Jesus from this story?
- What was John trying to show us about the disciples from this text?
- On Sunday we explored 5 convincing proofs for the resurrection of Jesus. Which one was most convincing to you?

Theological Implications:

- From this scripture what do we learn about Jesus and His Kingdom?
- From this scripture what do we learn about ourselves? *What character do you relate to most in this passage of scripture?*
- In this scripture where do we see the Gospel? (*Gospel=Jesus is King, He made a way for us to experience his kingdom for those who believe!*) How is Jesus leading us into His kingdom life?

Application:

- How am I to relate to Jesus in light of this passage?
- What truths or promises can I claim in light of this passage?
- How am I responding to the Gospel (*Trusting in Jesus to lead me into His kingdom life*) to live out this passage? What will I do in response to what I have learned from God's word?



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“Some Stories are True”

John 20:26-29

Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

HOW DO WE KNOW JESUS
ROSE FROM THE GRAVE?

5 Proofs of Jesus’ Resurrection

1. Jesus DIED by crucifixion
2. The DISCIPLES were convinced Jesus rose and appeared to them
3. PAUL an enemy of Christianity suddenly became a Christian
4. Jesus’ skeptical unbelieving brother JAMES became a Christian.
5. The tomb was found EMPTY.

IF JESUS ROSE FROM THE GRAVE
WHAT DOES THAT TELL ME ABOUT JESUS?

- If Jesus rose from the dead then he is not just a good guy, or great teacher, but GOD .

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him,

John 12:44-46 “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. ⁴⁵ And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

- If Jesus is God I have to TRUST what he said is true:
Jesus is the ONLY WAY to God

John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

IF JESUS ROSE FROM THE GRAVE WHAT
DOES THAT MEAN FOR ME & MY WORLD?

- If Jesus is God than I really do have a SIN problem that he came to RESCUE me from.

John 3:16-17 (NIV) ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

- If Jesus had to die for my sin, then I can’t expect my GOOD DEEDS to do the job

Isaiah 64:6 (NLT) ⁶ We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

- By Faith in Jesus our world can be SAVED

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT) ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

- Jesus is going to RETURN to redeem all things!

John 14:1-4 (NLT) “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.* If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”