

## Bodily Evidence of the Resurrected Christ---John 20

To the 10 Disciples

“Demands” of Thomas

To Thomas

20:20

20:25

20:27

When He had said  
this, He showed them

Unless I see . . .

Reach . . .  
look at . . .

His *hands*

His *hands*

My *hands*

and

His *side*

His *side*

My *side*

## Effect of the Resurrection—John 20

Mary Magdalene--

picture of frustrated devotion.

--*the mourner became a missionary*

Peter – picture of sorrowful repentance

--*assurance of forgiveness and restoration*

John—desolate after the crucifixion

--*restored friendship with the Savior*

Disciples as a group—oppressed by fear

--*fear changed into courage*

Thomas—a pessimistic temperament

--skepticism of despair changed to worship

“Thus belief in a risen Christ made a mourner into a missionary, a penitent into a preacher, the bereaved friend into an apostle of love, a timid and shrinking coterie of disciples into the fearless heralds of a new movement, and a doubter into a confessor. With the confession of Thomas, JOHN reached the high peak of belief: faith can rise no higher than when it avows Jesus of Nazareth to be its Lord and God.”

John: the Gospel of Belief, Merrill C. Tenney

## **Evidence of the Resurrection---John 20**

1. The door of the tomb was open.

(The stone was rolled away.)

2. The appearance of the grave clothes.

3. Personal appearances of Jesus.

“Provisional arrangement of the facts connected with the first Easter-Day”

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2. Later Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome buy spices (Mark 16:1)
3. Early on Sunday, the resurrection, then the earthquake, the coming of the angel, and the opening of the tomb (Matt. 28:2-4)
4. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome probably with others, set out for the tomb in the twilight. Mary Magdalene goes ahead and returns at once to Peter and John. (John 20:1ff.)
5. The other women reach the tomb when the sun had risen (Mark 16:2), see an angel, and receive a message for the disciples (Matt 28:5ff.; Mark 16:5ff.)
6. Joanna & other women come later in early morn, & see a vision of 2 young men (Luke 24:1f.)
7. Peter and John come to the tomb (John 20:3-10), Mary Magdalene sees two angels (:11-13).  
Other women take news to the apostles (Luke 24:10ff.)
8. The Lord appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20:14ff., Mark 16:9)
9. The Lord appears to other women who are returning to the tomb (Matt. 28:9)
10. The Lord appears to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13ff.)
11. In the late afternoon the Lord appears to Peter (Luke 24:34; I Cor. 15:5)
12. The Lord appears to the eleven and some others (Luke 24:36ff.; John 20:19ff.)

(Leon Morris, Reflections of the Gospel of John; cf. B.F. Westcott)

## Purpose Statement, Gospel of John 20:30-31

“ . . . many other signs . . .

In the Gospel of John, the Lord Jesus Christ is seen to be LORD or MASTER of all of life. Seven specifically-chosen signs bear this out:

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|--------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| 1. Changed water to wine | (2)  | Master of <u>Quality</u>     |
| 2. Healed nobleman's son | (4)  | Master of <u>Space</u>       |
| 3. Healed impotent man   | (5)  | Master of <u>Time</u>        |
| 4. Fed huge multitude    | (6)  | Master of <u>Quantity</u>    |
| 5. Walked on water       | (6)  | Master of <u>Natural Law</u> |
| 6. Healed blind man      | (9)  | Master of <u>Misfortune</u>  |
| 7. Raised Lazarus        | (11) | Master of <u>Death</u>       |

# **John 20**

:1-2 Mary Magdalene visits Christ's tomb

:3-10 Peter and John visit Christ's tomb

:11-18 Mary meets Jesus at the tomb

:19-24 Jesus joins ten disciples

:25 Thomas refuses to believe without evidence

:26-29 Thomas believes with evidence

:30-31 John's Purpose Statement

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“Provisional arrangement of the facts connected with  
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## **John 20:30-31 Purpose Statement**

*“that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ,**  
**the Son of God . . .**”*

1:1 the Word was God

1:34 this is the Son of God (John the Baptizer)

1:41 We have found the (Christ) Messiah (Andrew)

1:49 You are the Son of God (Nathaniel)

2:16 My Father's house (thus, He is the Son)

3:16 only begotten Son of God

4:26 I am (Messiah)

4:42 the Christ, the Savior of the world

5:25 the voice of the Son of God

6:40 all who see the Son and believe in Him

7:41 This is the Christ

8:38 My Father

9:4 Him Who sent Me (ie, the Father)

## John 20:30-31 Purpose Statement

10:17 My Father

10:24 The Christ

10:30 I and My Father are one.

10:33 . . . make Yourself God

10:36 I am the Son of God

11:4 Son of God

12:26 My Father

14:2 My Father

14:13 The Son

14:24 The Father Who sent Me

17:1 Glorify Your Son

. . . and that *believing*

you may have life

in His name.”