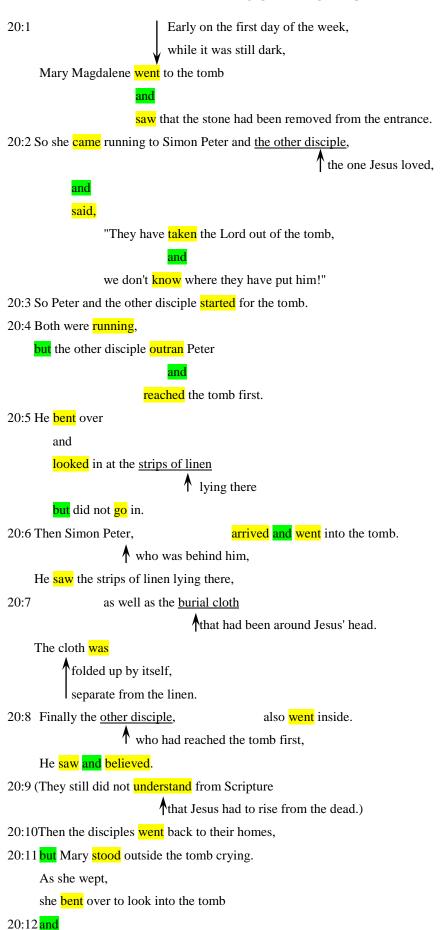
John 20:1-31



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saw two angels in white,
                 seated where Jesus' body had been,
                  one at the head and the other at the foot.
20:13They asked her,
           "Woman, why are you crying?"
           "They have taken my Lord away,"
     she said,
           "and I don't know where they have put him."
20:14At this, she turned around
                 and
                 saw Jesus standing there,
      but she did not realize that it was Jesus.
           "Woman,"
20:15
      he said,
           "why are you crying?
           Who is it you are looking for?"
     Thinking he was the gardener, she said,
           "Sir, if you have carried him away,
           tell me where you have put him,
           and I will get him."
20:16Jesus said to her,
           "Mary."
      She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic,
           "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).
20:17Jesus said,
           "Do not hold on to me,
                      for I have not yet returned to the Father.
           Go instead to my brothers and tell them,
                 `I am returning
                           to my Father and your Father,
                            to my God and your God.' "
20:18Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:
           "I have seen the Lord!"
      And she told them that he had said these things to her.
20:19
           On the evening of that first day of the week,
                 when the disciples were together,
                with the doors locked for fear of the Jews,
     Jesus came and stood among them and said,
           "Peace be with you!"
20:20After he said this,
      he showed them
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his hands and side.

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The disciples were overjoyed
                           when they saw the Lord.
20:21 Again Jesus said,
           "Peace be with you!
           As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
20:22And with that he breathed on them and said,
           "Receive the Holy Spirit.
20:23If you forgive anyone his sins,
                           They are forgiven;
      if you do not forgive them,
                           Tthey are not forgiven."
20:24Now Thomas (called Didymus),
                                              was not with the disciples
                one of the Twelve,
                                                       when Jesus came.
20:25So the other disciples told him,
           "We have seen the Lord!"
      But he said to them,
            "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands
           and
           put my finger where the nails were,
           put my hand into his side,
           I will not believe it."
20:26A week later his disciples were in the house again,
      and Thomas was with them.
               Though the doors were locked,
     Jesus came and stood
               among them and said,
           "Peace be with you!"
20:27Then he said to Thomas,
           "Put your finger here;
           see my hands.
           Reach out your hand
           and
           put it into my side.
           Stop doubting and believe."
20:28Thomas said to him,
           "My Lord and my God!"
20:29Then Jesus told him,
           "Because you have seen me,
           you have believed;
           blessed are those
                            who have not seen and yet have believed."
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