

John 20:1-31

20:1 Early on the first day of the week,
while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene **went** to the tomb
and
saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

20:2 So she **came** running to Simon Peter and the other disciple,
↑ the one Jesus loved,
and
said,
"They have **taken** the Lord out of the tomb,
and
we don't **know** where they have put him!"

20:3 So Peter and the other disciple **started** for the tomb.

20:4 Both were **running**,
but the other disciple **outran** Peter
and
reached the tomb first.

20:5 He **bent** over
and
looked in at the strips of linen
↑ lying there
but did not **go** in.

20:6 Then Simon Peter, **arrived** **and** **went** into the tomb.
↑ who was behind him,
He **saw** the strips of linen lying there,

20:7 as well as the burial cloth
↑ that had been around Jesus' head.
The cloth **was**
↑ folded up by itself,
↑ separate from the linen.

20:8 Finally the other disciple, also **went** inside.
↑ who had reached the tomb first,
He **saw** **and** **believed**.

20:9 (They still did not **understand** from Scripture
↑ that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

20:10 Then the disciples **went** back to their homes,

20:11 **but** Mary **stood** outside the tomb crying.
As she wept,
she **bent** over to look into the tomb

20:12 **and**

saw two angels in white,
↑ seated where Jesus' body had been,
| one at the head and the other at the foot.

20:13 They 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."

20:14 At this, she turned around
and
saw Jesus standing there,
but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

20:15 "Woman,"
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."

20:16 Jesus said to her,
"Mary."
She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic,
"Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

20:17 Jesus 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.'"

20:18 Mary 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!"

20:20 After he said this,
he showed them
his hands and side.

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."

20:22 And with that he breathed on them and **said**,
"**Receive** the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive anyone his sins,
↑ they are **forgiven**;
if you do not forgive them,
↑ they are not **forgiven**."

20:24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), **was** not with the disciples
↑ one of the Twelve, ↑ when Jesus came.

20:25 So 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,
and
put my hand into his side,
I will not **believe** it."

20:26 A 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!"

20:27 Then 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."

20:28 Thomas **said** to him,
"My Lord and my God!"

20:29 Then Jesus **told** him,
"Because you have seen me,
you have **believed**;
blessed **are** those
↑ who have not seen and yet have believed."

20:30 Jesus **did** many other miraculous signs
↑ in the presence of his disciples,
↑ which are not recorded in this book.

20:31 But these are **written**
↑ that you **may believe** that Jesus is the Christ,
↑ the Son of God,
and
that by believing you **may have** life in his name.