

John 20

King James Version (KJV)

20 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. (Week is not in manuscripts; the word is Sabbath. It is the first day after Sabbath)

(The stone was very heavy. It was removed because Jesus had resurrected)

²Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the LORD out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. (This was Peter and John)

³Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

⁴So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

⁵And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. (The linens were all there in place. The body was gone. Jesus had transfigured into a spiritual body – no longer flesh)

⁶Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

⁷And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

⁸Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. (They finally remembered that Jesus had told them He would resurrect. They had already seen Jesus do this on the Mount of transfiguration) see Matthew-17:1-8

⁹For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. Psalms-16:10-11 (God did this to prove to people that He was Jesus – God in the flesh. Man cannot do that. Our bodies decompose)

¹⁰Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

¹¹ But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

¹² And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. (The word angel means messenger. These two men were in their spiritual bodies. They were sent to carry a message to Mary. When we die, we also return to our spiritual bodies)

¹³ And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my LORD, and I know not where they have laid him. (She thought someone has stolen the body of Jesus)

(This was not a time of weeping. Jesus had opened salvation to all men that will believe on Him)

¹⁴ And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. (She finally recognized Him)

¹⁷ Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. (Touch me not = don't hold me back – better translation. Jesus was going to free the prisoners – the people that had died before the crucifixion)

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the LORD, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

¹⁹ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. (The doors were shut, when Jesus appeared to them. HE was no longer flesh)

²⁰ And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD. (They finally believed that He had resurrected)

²¹ Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. (A sent one is an apostle) (God can be in as many places as He chooses. As the Father he is above all me. As Jesus He had lived as one of us)

²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: (The Holy Spirit is another office of God, just as Jesus is. One God – many offices)

²³ Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. (Jesus gave these 12 apostles the authority to judge people's sins and repentance – because the Holy Spirit of God was in them?)

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. (He was a doubter)

²⁶ And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. (Jesus entered when the room was shut. His transfigured body was no longer flesh)

²⁷ Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. (Seeing is believing?)

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.

²⁹ Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. (Blessed are those that believe without needing to see for themselves. The miracles and witnesses should be enough for Christians to believe)

³⁰ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: (Jesus continued to perform miracles while He was still with them)

³¹ But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (This Book is a witness to all that these things happened)