

Lesson 38

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 20:1-31

Key Verse: 20:31, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

1. When did Mary Magdalene go to Jesus' tomb and what did she find (1)? What did she assume and whom did she tell (2)? Who was the unnamed disciple (21:20,24)? Describe what the two disciples did and thought (3-10). How do you think they felt?
2. How did Mary feel, and what did she do (11)? Describe her interactions at the tomb (13-15). Why couldn't she recognize the angels or Jesus? When did she recognize Jesus and how did she respond? What did Jesus tell her to do and why (17-18)?
3. Describe risen Jesus' meeting with his disciples (19-20). How had Jesus' words come true (16:22)? What commission, empowerment and authority did the risen Jesus give his disciples (21-23)? What do we learn about Jesus' main purpose for his Church?
4. Who refused to believe that Jesus had risen and why (24-25)? When and why did risen Jesus appear again to his disciples (26-27)? How did Thomas respond (28)? What did Jesus say to him (29)? Who does Jesus call "blessed"?
5. For what purpose has the author written this gospel (30-31)? Review how Mary, the disciples and Thomas were changed after meeting the risen Jesus. How has faith in Jesus changed you?