

## John 20: Resurrection Instructions.

### 1. (1-13) The Empty Grave

Mary, John, Peter and many others had no thought or expectation of resurrection and believed the corpse had been stolen.

**Matthew 12:40** - *“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

Upon seeing the grave clothes and how they lay on the "bed" of the tomb, John believed that Mary's report was true, and that something awesome and incredibly unique had happened.

### 2. (14-29) The Resurrected Jesus.

Mary wanted to hold on to Jesus probably intending not to let Him go anywhere.

The fact that Jesus makes a woman the first witness of His resurrection is significant. The law courts of that day would not recognize the testimony of a woman, but Jesus did. After their desertion of Jesus on Friday, the disciples were probably expecting words of rebuke or blame.

#### i. Mission

**Matthew 28:19-20** - *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

**Romans 14:19** - *Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.*

#### ii. Forgiveness

**Luke 23:34** - *Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” And they divided His garments and cast lots.*

**Colossians 2:13** - *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,*

**Hebrews 12:14** - *Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled...*

