

SERMON OUTLINE John 20:1-11

Where Is Jesus?!

THE MAIN QUESTION (1)

THE CONFUSION OF AN OPEN, EMPTY TOMB (1-2)

THE DISCIPLE BELIEVED (3-9)

THE RESURRECTION PROMISES (9)

The Resurrection for Believers

The Resurrection of the Messiah

THE EVENTUAL RESPONSE (10-11)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that in spite of all the OT promises and all of Jesus' teaching, none of Jesus' followers imagined Jesus' resurrection as the explanation for the empty tomb. The main takeaways for us are to study the Word of God carefully and be humble.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What does faithfulness usually look like for you in times of significant trial or mystery?
3. What do you do when you've prayed all the prayers but your spouse just won't walk in godliness? What do you say to the neighbor you've shared the gospel with many times, but still doesn't believe? How do you honor God when you've done everything prescribed by God's Word and the person you love is still deathly ill? What does it mean to walk in faith when a child who once professed faith in Jesus, now lives a life of faithlessness or outright animosity to God in spite of your prayers and pleas? What does godliness look like when you want to be married but no spouse has yet come your way? What does it look like to live by faith when you want to believe in Jesus but don't, when you don't know how to decide what to do for a career, when you've tried everything you can to bring healing to a broken relationship, when can't get pregnant, when your house won't sell, when the appetite for a sickening sin won't die, or when you lost your job and there are no prospects in sight?
4. There's a way in which virtually all of our non-physical struggles in life (and even many physical ones) come from a failure to properly understand God's Word and walk in humility. What do you make of that idea?
5. Does seeing some of Jesus' earliest followers struggle in some of the same ways you do help at all?
6. Have you experienced a time in which your belief in Jesus grew significantly?
7. Prior to this Sunday's sermon, did you realize how frequently the OT speaks of the resurrection of the dead?
8. What tends to happen in your heart in the days that follow some significant work of God in your life?
9. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

10. Read the rest of John, chapters 20-21 and ask the Spirit to help you consider what it says and means with greater care.
11. Go over the sermon guide every week at some point in the week. Consider the text carefully.
12. Come to Berea consistently. Read the book of the Bible in advance. Take good notes. Ask Good questions.
13. Look up the OT resurrection passages from the sermon manuscript. Ask God to fill you with amazement at Jesus' fulfillment.
14. The next time you find yourself struggling emotionally or spiritually, take time to prayerfully consider God's promises.
15. Ask two different people in your family or DG one thing they got from this sermon and how you can pray for them in light of it.
16. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon and for someone to help.

PRAYER POINTS

17. Adoration. Praise God for being sovereign, wise, and good. Praise God for being resurrection life. Praise God for being Truth.
18. Confess. Confess any times you acted in fear or worldliness instead of simple devotion when life was hard. Confess any ways you have been lazy in your pursuit of loving God with all your mind. Confess any pride you see in yourself.
19. Thanksgiving. Thank God for receiving our simple acts of devotion as righteousness. Thank God for sending Jesus to die in our place and rise from the dead that we might join Him. Thank God for giving us His Word and His Spirit.
20. Supplication. Ask the Spirit to give you understanding when you read the Word of God. Ask the Spirit to make you humble.