

Lesson 20 | He is Risen! John 20 & 21

Surprise: a completely unexpected occurrence, appearance, or statement; to strike or occur to with a sudden feeling of wonder or astonishment, as through unexpectedness

1. “He saw and believed”

“He believes that Jesus really did rise from the dead. Can one imagine the rush? The first recorded *believer* in the Resurrection must have been overwhelmed with the deepest emotions. And he believed, apparently, on the basis of the intriguing clues that, altogether, said to him ‘I believe that Jesus really *has been raised* from the dead; that he really *is* Lord; that death really *is* defeated; that everything Jesus said *is* true; that this is the single most important and astonishing fact and event in world history.’ ... I am surprised by the Evangelist’s sober understatement: “he looked and he believed”. No adverbs, no adjectives, no emotions mentioned. The birth of Christian faith (in its deepest sense) is told as simply as possible.”
Bruner p1143

“Why was this verse added? “Perhaps to say that it was actual firsthand contact with evidence for and witness to the Risen Jesus that first elicited the Church’s faith in the fact of the Resurrection; later on the evidence of ancient Scripture’s prophetic predictions of a Messiah’s coming, suffering, dying, and rising would reinforce the earliest disciples’ faith in these historical events, undergird it, and encourage it as faith in more than incidents but as faith in a plan.”
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- What are some of the scriptures that pointed to the resurrection?
 - Psalm 16:10
 - Isaiah 25:7-8
 - Isaiah 52:13-15
 - Jesus makes many references to “rising”
 - John 7:33
 - John 11:25
 - John 14:28-29
 - Luke 18:31-34
 - Mark 8:31
 - Mark 9:31-32
 - Mark 10:33-34

2. Jesus said to her “Mary”

Have you had a time where you didn't know where Jesus was or how to find him?

Nurture: the process of caring for and encouraging the growth or development of someone or something.

- Zephaniah 3:17
- 2 Corinthians 4:16
- Hebrews 7:24-25

How does God nurture you and your faith?

****Sidenote on John chapter 21:** “One senses that chapter 21 was added, perhaps by the same author, after the highlights of Jesus’ career had been laid out in order, in postscript to teach the coming Church how the Risen Lord will *in the future continue* to reveal himself to his disciples.” Bruner p1139

3. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Mark 1:17

John 21:7

John 21:19

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