

20:1-10 Empty Tomb. The Sabbath was over when no one could work. The women had been unable to finish preparing the Lord's body for burial – putting on spices and such things. So while it was still _____ on _____ the first day of the week — the first day of the New Creation -- _____ Magdalene goes to the tomb and finds the _____ rolled away from its entrance. She runs to find _____ and the _____ disciple (John), the one whom Jesus _____ more intimately. She says what she believes has happened. They have _____ the Lord's body out of the tomb and I don't know where they have laid Him. The other disciple out ran Peter to the tomb. He looked in and saw the _____ but didn't go in. Peter went in and saw the _____ sheet used to wrap the body laying there and the cloth used to cover his head _____ up. The other disciple looked in and _____ and _____. Until that moment they had not really _____ that the _____ said the Messiah would rise from the _____.

Explanations for the empty tomb.

-1- Stolen body. The disciples stole it to say He was alive. Matthew 27:63-66

-2- Jesus swooned. He appeared dead, but revived later. The sword driven through His vital organs was fatal. No one survived a Roman crucifixion. When a body is dead the blood separates into water and clots. That happened when he was pierced by the sword. John 19:34

-3- Jesus was a ghost. Jesus never was really flesh and blood and bone but a spirit that appeared to be substantial. The Gnostic heretics pushed this version. John wrote I, II, III John to counter this lie. John says, "Many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist" I John 4:1-3

-4- Resurrection. Our faith. The physical body of Jesus did not rot in the grave but was brought back to life as a perfect body. Acts 2:26-28 I Corinthians 15:45-49

• **Linen wrappings.** Peter and John believed He was alive because of the linen clothes that had been wrapped around His body. They were lying there like a shell that His body had passed through. The "Shroud of Turin" is believed to be these wrappings. It has the photographic-like imprint of a six-foot man with crucifixion wounds showing on his body. God came like a burst of light and energy, like the first creation when God said, "Let there be light!" and recreated the Lord's body into that of a perfect man, leaving the imprint of Jesus on the shroud. Perhaps Peter and John saw the imprint of the Lord's body on the shroud.

20:11-18 Mary sees the Lord. Mary stayed outside the tomb. When she _____ in she saw two white robed _____. They asked why she was

_____. She said it was because someone had _____ away the Lord's body. She glanced over her shoulder and saw someone standing behind her. It was _____ but she didn't _____ Him. He asked her _____ she was crying. _____ are you looking for? She thought he was the _____ and said that if he had taken the body she would appreciate it if he would tell where he put it and she would go and get it and bring it back to the tomb. Jesus said, _____. She turned toward him and said _____ and apparently hugged Him. He says "Don't _____ to me for I have not yet _____ to the Father. But go and tell my brothers *that I am ascending to _____ Father and _____ Father, _____ God and _____ God.*" Mary says, "_____."

Father. It is not until the finished work of our Savior, his death for sin, and his recreation of humanity that people are changed from children of the Devil to children of God.

• **Peace.** The Hebrew word SHALOM is powerful earthly blessing. It says: May every good thing happen in your life—health, prosperity, good government, blessed family life, freedom from war, the experience of favor and joy of God. Jesus also proclaimed peace with the Father. "*By Christ God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of his blood on the cross.*" Colossians 1:20

20:19-23 Second breath. The evening of this first day of resurrection the disciples were meeting behind _____ doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders who had killed the Lord. _____ Jesus was standing among them, His glorified body is able to be transported through the solid matter of doors and walls and whatever. He says, "_____ (shalom) be with you." He held out his _____ for them to see, and his _____ where the Roman spear had pierced His body. His glorified and eternal body still had the marks of the cross on it. We believe to show them Father as He intercedes for us. They were filled with _____ when they _____ the Lord. Because He is going to ascend to the Father He turns over His work on earth to the disciples. He said, "*Peace be with you. As the _____ has _____ me, so _____ send you.*" Then He blew his breath on them and said, "*Receive the _____.*" He gives them his authority to _____ sins so that they can help the unsaved to take the first step toward God. "*_____ you forgive anyone's _____ they are _____.*" If you refuse to forgive sins they are _____."

• **Breathed.** This caused the "second birth," "the new creation". It was a repeat of *Genesis 2:7* where God breathed into the body of Adam he made from the dust and Adam became a living soul. The soul died when the first people sinned. I Cor 15:45 2 Cor. 5:17

• **Send.** APOSTELLO in Greek (apostle). It means, "to be sent forth" as a representative, a messenger, an ambassador," to establish the Lord's church on earth. Jesus is the chief apostle, the twelve and a few others are unique as "the" apostles who founded the Church. However, Jesus sends all believers out as little apostles. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

20:24-29 Believing Thomas. One of the disciples _____ had not been there. When he heard he said, "I _____ believe it unless I _____ the _____ wounds in his hand, and put my _____ into them, and place my hand into the wounds in his side." The Lord was listening. He knows our thoughts and all that we say and do. So _____ days later again meeting behind _____ doors, the Lord was standing _____ them. Again the word of the New Covenant _____ is said. He proclaims the peace between God and human kind because of the life's blood of His sacrifice. Colossians 1:20 He tells Thomas to put his hand in His wounds, saying "*Don't be _____ any longer. Believe!*" Faithlessness for us is not failing to do work but failing to _____. Thomas says, " _____ Lord and _____ God." Jesus makes a comment about the seeming advantage the 500 or so who say his resurrection had. They touched his physical glorified body. " _____ are those who haven't _____ and believe _____."

10:30-31 Just the tip of the iceberg. John comments that he has only written down a few of the miraculous _____ Jesus did to demonstrate and prove that He was the Son of God become a son of man to save us. His intention in writing his gospel was so that all who were seeking God might come into faith in Jesus as the Messiah. "*But these things are written so that you may _____ that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of _____, and by _____ in Him, you will have _____.*" "*If you seek me with all your hearts you shall surely find me.*" Jeremiah 29:13 Jesus had now finished His work of salvation. "*I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.*" Jeremiah 31:3

What Does This Scripture Say To You? _____