

**NIV MEMORY VERSE: John 20:29****GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 21-1**

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**"THE EMPTY TOMB"  
READ John 20:1-31**

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lesson?

**DAY 1 – READ John 20:1-9**

2.
  - a. What happened early on the first day of the week?
  - b. How did she interpret the removal of the stone?
3. Most scholars accept John as "the other disciple."
  - a. Describe John's haste and his reaction as he arrived at the tomb.
  - b. What did Peter see when he entered the tomb?
  - c. They believed but lacked understanding about what?
4. Review this event in Luke 24:1-12.
  - a. Share your thoughts on women being the first to tell the "good news."
  - b. Identify women in your life who have influenced you through sharing the gospel or enlightened your understanding of it. Take time to thank God for them.
  - c. Their words seemed like nonsense, but Peter ran to check out their facts. What would he soon know from experience that we now know from these Scriptures?  
1 Corinthians 15:42-44

1 Corinthians 15:50-52

## GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 21-2

### **DAY 2 – READ John 20:10-18**

5. a. What did Mary see as she peered into the empty tomb?  
  
b. What possible symbolism was present (review Exodus 25:17-22)?
6. a. How did Mary explain her tears and what was her request?  
  
b. According to Mark 16:9, why was Jesus so dear to Mary?
7. What two instructions did Jesus give to Mary?
8. What have you tried to share about Jesus that was disbelieved?

### **DAY 3 – READ John 20:19-23**

9. Why did the disciples meet behind closed doors?
10. How did Jesus convince them He was truly risen from the dead?
11. a. What change in atmosphere did this create?  
  
b. Read Isaiah 61:1-11. How does that Scripture make you rejoice/feel overjoyed?
12. What commission did Jesus give the disciples in John 20:21?  
  
Matthew 28:19,20?
13. a. Jesus breathed on them and said, “\_\_\_\_\_.”  
  
b. Remember 1 Peter 3:15. In witnessing you are asked, “I thought only God could forgive sin. What does verse 23 mean?” Your answer?

## GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 21-3

### **DAY 4 – READ John 20:24-29**

14. What was Thomas' statement of doubt?
15. a. What do you think his attitude would do to himself and/or his relationship to the other disciples during the week that followed?  
  
b. What emotions do you experience when you hold out your own opinion against that of a group?
16. a. What was Thomas' statement of faith?  
  
b. Considering Thomas' doubts, why do you think his skepticism was recorded?
17. How do Jesus' words in verse 29 encourage our faith?

### **DAY 5 – READ John 20:30-31**

18. John spoke of "many other signs not recorded." What do you think are some of the significant signs that are recorded?
19. What is the purpose of the Word in these Scriptures?
  - a. John 20:31
  - b. Romans 15:4
  - c. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**GOSPEL AND LETTERS OF JOHN 21-4**

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**LECTURE NOTES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**