

We will begin the 18th lecture on the book of John. /The message is from John 20. /The title of the chapter is “The Resurrection.” /Here are the main points.

/First, Jesus’ resurrection and the empty tomb. /Verses 1-10. /Second, Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus. /Verses 11-16. /Third, Mary Magdalene bears witness. /Verses 17-18. /Fourth, the Lord appears. /Verses 19-23. /Fifth, faith of the resurrection. /Verses 24-29. /Sixth, why the Bible was written. /Verses 30-31.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

/The first day of the week is the Sabbath in today’s world. /Mary Magdalene went to the tomb by herself. /It was before the morning, before the sun had risen. /It was early in the morning. /She went to the place where Jesus was buried.

/It was the place where Jesus and the thieves were crucified. /The Roman soldiers were guarding the tomb. /It is difficult for a man to visit such a place, let alone a woman.

/However, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb with a heart that loved Jesus. /She overcame fear with her faith and love. /1 John 4:18 /Mary loved Jesus sincerely.

/In this time period, the entrances to tombs were covered with large stones. /The Roman soldiers were guarding Jesus’ tomb. /They had sealed the tomb under the authority of the Roman nation. /Mary, with a faith that loved Jesus, overcame these obstacles and went to the tomb.

/When Mary arrived, the Roman soldiers were gone. /The stone at the entrance of the tomb was gone, and the tomb was open. /An angel had opened the door.

/Verse 2. /So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

/Mary Magdalene saw the empty tomb. /She believed someone stole Jesus’ body. /She ran to Simon Peter and John and reported this to them.

/Peter and John rushed to the tomb and saw with their eyes. /The Apostle John arrived first. /Then, Peter arrived. /They saw the linen cloths lying in the tomb.

/Verses 6-8. /Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

/The disciples entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. The cloth that was wrapped around Jesus' head was placed somewhere else. /It was folded up and placed by itself.

/If someone had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the linen cloths. /The cloth that was on Jesus' head was folded up. /The disciples saw the empty grave.

/They had not yet believed that Jesus had resurrected from the dead. /Luke 24:11,12. /The verse says, "Then the other disciple...saw and believed." /This does not mean that the Apostle John believed in Jesus' resurrection.

/He had not yet come to believe that Jesus had risen. /He believed that, as Mary Magdalene had said, the tomb was empty. /Luke 24:11-12

/Verse 9. /for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

/Psalm 16:10 prophesies about Christ's resurrection. /However, the disciples still did not believe that Jesus had risen.

/Verse 10. /Then the disciples went back to their homes.

/The two disciples saw the empty tomb and returned to their homes. /Peter thought it was weird, and he went home. /Luke 24:12 /As Jesus' disciple, Peter had behaved insincerely and unfaithfully. /Mary Magdalene on the other hand did whatever she could to find Jesus.

/Verse 11. /But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

/Mary did what she could to find out what had happened to Jesus' body. /She did not return home. /She stood outside the tomb and wept as she looked into the tomb.

/Two angels were in the tomb. /They were there to bear witness to the fact that Jesus had risen from the dead. /God sent the angels to bear witness about Jesus' resurrection.

/The angels had rolled the stone away. /Jesus had already resurrected when the entrance was sealed. /The stone was rolled away in order to show the disciples and in order to bear witness about the risen Jesus.

/Verse 13. /They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

/Mary did not know that Jesus had resurrected. /She thought someone had moved his body to a different place. /As she said this and turned around, she saw Jesus standing

there. /Mary Magdalene did not believe that Jesus had risen. /Jesus was standing right in front of her, but she did not know it.

/Verse 15. /Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

/Even after hearing Jesus’ words, Mary thought Jesus was the gardener. /She asked the Lord to tell her where the body was. /She requested this thinking that Jesus was the gardener.

/Verse 16. /Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

/Jesus said to her, “Mary.” /He called to her with a friendly voice so that she would recognize him. /Mary heard his familiar voice.

/She recognized who he was. /At first, Mary did not believe in Jesus’ resurrection, but she met him. /Jesus first showed Mary that he had risen.

/Mary was the first to meet with the resurrected Jesus. /She came to believe that he rose from the dead.

/Verse 17. /Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

/Mary was clinging to Jesus. /In her joy, she clung to Jesus. /Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me.” /Mary wanted to keep Jesus on earth and serve him here.

/That is why Jesus said, “Do not cling to me.” /Jesus, who rose from the dead, wants us to have spiritual fellowship with him. /He said, “I have not yet ascended to the Father.”

/It means Jesus has not yet ascended into heaven. /After he ascends to heaven, our spirits will have to communicate with Jesus. /Matthew 28:20 /We need to have spiritual fellowship with Jesus.

/Jesus then said, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” /Jesus’ Father is the believer’s Father. /Jesus’ God is the believer’s God. /By believing in Jesus, we are united in life with Jesus.

/Verse 18. /Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

/Mary Magdalene was the first to see that Jesus had risen. /Now Mary had the mission to preach. /She went to the disciples and announced these things.

/She bore witness according to the things she saw and heard. /We also need to have a faith that bears witness about Jesus who rose from the dead. /1 Corinthians 9:16 /Acts 4:20

/Verse 19. /On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

/On the evening after the day of the Sabbath, Jesus appeared before the disciples. /The disciples were afraid. /Jesus was persecuted and killed on the cross. /The disciples feared they too would die.

/They locked the doors and gathered together, trembling in anxiety. /The resurrected Jesus appeared before them and said, "Peace be with you." /The Lord wished them peace.

/At this moment, the disciples found peace and were relieved. /Jesus is the one who gives us peace. /The peace that he gives us is different than the peace the world gives us. /His peace is the real peace. /It is true peace.

/It is the peace of one who is forgiven. /14:27 /Jesus gives peace to those who believe in the truth. /We may encounter hardships and storms, but we need to receive in our hearts the peace that Jesus gives us. /Then will we enjoy peace.

/The doors were closed. /The disciples were gathered together. /But the risen Jesus appeared. /In this way, a resurrected body transcends time and space. /The doors were closed, but Jesus' body could go in and out.

/A resurrected body can eat food, but it does not have to. /It cannot be tied down. /The resurrected body transcends time and space.

/Because it is a spiritual body, the resurrected body can move as fast as the heart wants. /When Jesus returns, our bodies will rise from the grave. /When he returns, believers' spirits that are in heaven will unite with their bodies that have returned to the dust. /It becomes the resurrected body.

/Verse 20. /When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

/Jesus showed the disciples the nail marks on his hands and his pierced side. /The disciples then rejoiced in seeing Jesus' resurrected form. /Jesus clearly showed his resurrected self to the disciples.

/They saw the risen Jesus, and they came to believe in the resurrection. /Now, the disciples were no longer afraid. /Peace and joy had entered into them.

/Verse 21. /Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

/Jesus said to the disciples, “Peace be with you.” / “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” /The Father fulfilled the work of redemption through Jesus Christ.

/Now, Jesus sends his disciples so that they may bear witness to the fact that Jesus is Christ. /In this way, the kingdom of God is fulfilled.

/Verse 22. /And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

/As Jesus breathed out, he said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” /Jesus’ breath is not the Holy Spirit. /What does it mean here when Jesus breathed out and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

/It signifies the connection of life between Jesus and the disciples through the Holy Spirit. /Christ’s life and the disciples’ life are united. /16:7 /Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus’ life and the disciples’ life are united.

/Through the truth and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, believers are connected to Jesus’ life. /Genesis 2:7 /It follows that believers must preach the gospel of life through the truth and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. /We need to save the lives of others with the gospel.

/Verse 23. /If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

/This is preaching the gospel with the authority that the Lord has given us. /When the disciples preach the gospel and people receive the gospel and believe, their sins are forgiven. /However, if they do not receive the gospel, they are condemned and are judged by God.

/God gives the key to heaven to those who preach the gospel of life. /Matthew 16:19 /People do not have this authority. /The key to the kingdom of heaven is in the gospel of life.

/Verses 24-25. /Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

/Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared before the disciples. /He did not see the risen Jesus. /The disciples told Thomas that they had seen the Lord.

/Thomas replied to them saying that he must see the mark of the nails and touch Jesus' side. /He would only believe if he felt the nail marks in Jesus' hands.

/Thomas would only believe after seeing the resurrected Jesus with the eyes of his flesh. /Whoever says he will believe only when he sees with the eyes of the flesh has a childish and dangerous faith.

/Verse 26. /Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

/Eight days later, Jesus appeared before the disciples. /Eight days later means that a week and one day had passed, which means it was Sunday. /A week before, on the day of his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples.

/After eight days, the next Sunday, Jesus appeared before eleven disciples. /In this way, on the day of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples had gathered together.

/Verse 27. /Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

/The eleven disciples had gathered at this place. /The doors were closed. /Jesus suddenly appeared in the middle of the room. /Jesus spoke first to Thomas. /He said, "Put your finger here, and see my hands."

/He continued to say, "And place it in my side." / "Do not disbelieve, but believe." /Jesus told the suspicious Thomas to place his hands on him.

/Jesus already knew that the disciples had spoken to Thomas about these things. /He knew that Thomas was suspicious. /Jesus is the omniscient God. /The Lord is God's Son. /He told Thomas to place his hands on him directly.

/Verse 28. /Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

/Thomas made a confession of faith. /Because he sees, he is saying he believes. /Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

/Verse 29. /Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

/Seeing and believing is a childish, beginner level faith. /It is a dangerous faith. /Our Jesus Christ rose from the dead. /He ascended to heaven and is now at the right hand of God.

/He will return riding on clouds. /Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we believe that Jesus rose again. /We believe through the words that are written in the

Bible. /A faith of seeing with the eyes of the flesh and believing is a faith that is carried away by emotions.

/Touching with the hands and believing is a faith centered on physical things. /We need to discern what is spiritual. /The one who believes without seeing is more blessed than the one who sees and believes. /This is true faith.

/We have not seen the risen Jesus with our eyes. /However, we believe that he rose to life through the Bible and the Holy Spirit. /Believing in this way that Jesus rose again is having true faith. /This is a faith that is blessed.

/The eyes of our flesh can make mistakes. /Our eyes may make a mistake in seeing things. /But if we see with the eyes of our faith, we will see clearly. /Today, we need to communicate spiritually with the risen Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

/Verses 30-31. /Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

/Here we see why the Bible is written. /Jesus did many other signs that are not written in this book. /Jesus performed many miracles that are not written in the Bible. /The Bible only includes what is truly needed.

/There is a reason and purpose for why the story about Jesus is written in the Bible. /It is so that the disciples would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. /It is also so that the disciples would believe and have life in his name.

/Therefore believers must learn the truth about Christ and salvation that is written in the Bible. /Through the Bible, we must come to believe in Jesus Christ and be saved. /The 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are enough.

/If we needed more books, God would have written more in the Bible. /The details written in the Bible are enough for us to receive salvation. /It is enough for us to believe in Jesus and know him.

/If there is more that we need to know, we will learn them in heaven. /For example, the Bible tells us enough about heaven. /Some people say they have been to heaven. /We must not follow their words.

/The Bible is enough the way it is. /We will see for ourselves the finer details when we go to heaven. /Thus we need to believe in Jesus and receive salvation through the Bible. /We need to daily receive life in Jesus' name.

/This concludes the 18th lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.