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## The Empty Tomb John 20:1-10

### I. Consideration for the Body of Christ (v. 1)

- A. Christians worship on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-10; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10;  
Matt. 12:8)
- B. Those who are forgiven much \_\_\_\_\_ much  
(Mk. 16:1, 3; Jn. 11:39; Lk. 7:41-48)
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ happened  
(Matt. 27:62-66; 28:2)

### II. Confusion About What Happened to Christ (vv. 2-7)

- A. Did someone \_\_\_\_\_ the body? (v.2)  
[1 Cor. 9:15-16; 15:4-8]
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ was in the tomb? (vv. 3-7)  
[Jn. 11:44; 20:19, 26; Matt. 28:2-4; Eph. 2:4-5]

### III. Comprehension Based on Scripture and Experience (vv. 8-10)

- A. You must \_\_\_\_\_ and believe (v. 8) [Jn. 20:31]
- B. You need the Holy Spirit to enable you \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9)  
[Jn. 2:19; Lk. 9:22; Mk. 8:31-33; Jn. 14:26; 1 Jn. 2:27; Rom. 8:16]
- C. You should take \_\_\_\_\_ what you have learned with  
others (v. 10) [Matt. 28:11-14; 1 Cor. 15:12-20]

### TAKE HOME

- How does learning about Mary Magdalene coming to the tomb make you want to **love** Christ more?
- **Why** do so many people want to explain away the resurrection? What is your best explanation of the resurrection?
- What's the difference between seeing/believing on a cursory level and on a **life-transforming** level?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placiritachurch.com](http://placiritachurch.com).

1. Read John 20:1. Why was Sabbath the designated day for worship in the Old Testament? (Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-10) What changed? (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10)

2. Read Luke 7:41-48. What do you think about the concept “those who love much have been forgiven much”? Do you love much? Why?

3. Read John 20:2. Did someone take the body of Christ? Why was so much time devoted to this in the sermon? (1 Cor. 9:15-16; 15:4-8)

4. What can we learn from what was in the tomb? (Jn. 11:44; 20:19, 26; Matt. 28:2-4)

5. Read John 20:8. What were the three uses of the word “saw” and how do they progress?(Jn. 20:5, 6, 8) What can we learn from this? (Jn. 20:31)

6. Read John 20:9. How is it that Peter and John finally fully understood? How can we understand God’s Word today? What is the balance/relationship between understanding and experiencing? (Jn. 2:19; Lk. 9:22; Mk. 8:31-33; Jn. 14:26; 1 Jn. 2:27; Rom. 8:16)

7. Read John 20:10. What do you think the disciples shared with the others when they went back to their homes? Do you have something to share with others are well? (Matt. 28:11-14; 1 Cor. 15:12-20)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on the resurrection of our Lord?

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- J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*