

Sermon Discussion Guide

The Resurrection of the Son of God

John 20

Peter and John see the empty tomb (1–10)

Ps. 16; Hos. 6:2; Isa. 53:10–12; 1 Cor. 15:3–9, 12–19

- What convinced John that Jesus had been raised from the dead?
- Why is it important to affirm that the tomb really was empty and Jesus was raised bodily from the dead?

Mary sees the risen Jesus (11–18)

Luke 1:26–38; 2:8–20; John 10:27–28

- How does Mary Magdalene being the first eyewitness to the resurrection provide evidence for the historicity and reliability of the resurrection accounts?

The disciples see the risen Jesus (19–23)

John 14:27; 16:7; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4–5

- How does the disciples' transformation from fear to boldly preaching the resurrection after Pentecost speak to the reality of Jesus' resurrection from the dead?

Thomas sees the risen Jesus (24–29)

- Does it surprise you that Thomas (an apostle) initially doubts the reality of Jesus' resurrection? How does John's portrayal of the main characters' slowness to believe Jesus has been raised reflect the reliability of what he records here?

What does all this mean for us? (30–31)

John 2:1–11; 4:46–54; 5:2–9; 6:1–14; 6:16–24; 9:1–7; 11:1–44

- How can someone today move from doubt to faith in the risen Lord Jesus Christ?