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Chapter 20 - Study Questions

In the previous chapter we studied John’s account of the crucifixion. In this chapter John recounts for us the events surrounding Jesus’ resurrection. Jesus’ resurrection truly demonstrates that he had the authority to lay down his life and to take it up again (John 10:18).

1. What day did Mary Magdalene go to the tomb? (20:1)
2. What does she initially think has happened to Jesus’ body? (20:2)
3. What was the reaction of the “other disciple” once he saw the linen strips and face cloth? (20:8)
4. Did Mary recognize Jesus at first? (20:14)
5. What did Jesus say that caused Mary to realize that she was speaking to him? (20:16)
6. What is it about Jesus’ appearance to the disciples that indicates that his resurrected body is somewhat different than a normal human body? (20:19)
7. What indicates that Jesus’ resurrected body is the same body that was crucified? (20:20)
8. Why do you think the disciples rejoiced? (20:20)
9. What did Thomas require in order to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead? (20:25)
10. Did Thomas believe? What words did he say to Jesus to indicate his faith? (20:28)
11. Who does Jesus call “blessed?” (20:29)
12. Why were these events recorded in the Gospel of John? (20:30-31)
13. At this point in your journey, *do you trust* in Jesus for your eternal life?