

Don't Disbelieve, But Believe

John 20:1-31

Theme: The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is absolutely essential to the Christian faith. It certifies that He is who He says He is and that eternal life comes only through believing in Him.

1) Jesus' Tomb is Empty (1-10)

- a) Confirmed by Mary Magdalene (1-2)
- b) Confirmed by Peter and John (3-8)
- c) Confirmed by Scripture (9-10)

2) Jesus Has Risen (11-29)

- a) Response of Mary (11-18)
 - i) 'Why are you weeping?' (11-15)
 - ii) Mary believes (16-18)
- b) Response of the Disciples (19-23)
 - i) Disciples believe (19-20)
 - ii) Disciples commissioned (21)
 - iii) Disciples given authority (22-23)
- c) Response of Thomas (24-29)
 - i) He doubts because he hasn't seen Jesus (24-25)
 - ii) When he sees he believes (26-28)
 - iii) Blessed are those who don't see but believe (29)

3) Will You Believe? (30-31)