

CHANGED IN AN INSTANT

April 20, 2014 John 20:1-31 by Bob Branch
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MAIN IDEA: Let one of the eyewitnesses speak to us about the resurrection of Jesus... how the Risen Christ appeared to people and how that changed them... and how he still changes people today!

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" **John 20:11-18**

1. The Risen One comes into our **BROKENNESS**, grief and devastation with transforming power.

"I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy." **John 16:20** NLT

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." **Jn. 20:19-23**

2. The Risen Christ breaks into our **FEAR & PURPOSELESSNESS** with courage, purpose and authority.

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

... Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:24-29

3. The Risen Christ comes into our **DOUBTS**, patiently calling us close to him, into faith.

"Do not be afraid any longer, only believe." **Mark 5:36** NAS

The Identity of Jesus

■ Mary calls him **TEACHER** because he brings ultimate truth.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **John 14:6**

"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am." **John 13:13**

■ The Disciples call him **LORD** because they've come to know his authority, power, compassion and majesty.

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." **Romans 10:9**

■ Thomas calls Jesus Lord and **GOD** because of this resurrection encounter.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son..." **John 1:1, 14**

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:30-31**

THE NET: It happened. He rose. He's alive!

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." **John 10:10**

"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" **John 1:11-12**