

The *Good News* that John Wrote

*...that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, and that believing you
may have life in his name.*

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

John 19.38-20.18

Outline of John 19.38-20

- 1. Jesus is buried (19.38-42)**
- 2. Scenes at the tomb (20.1-18)**
- 3. Scenes in the house (20.19-29)**

John 19.38

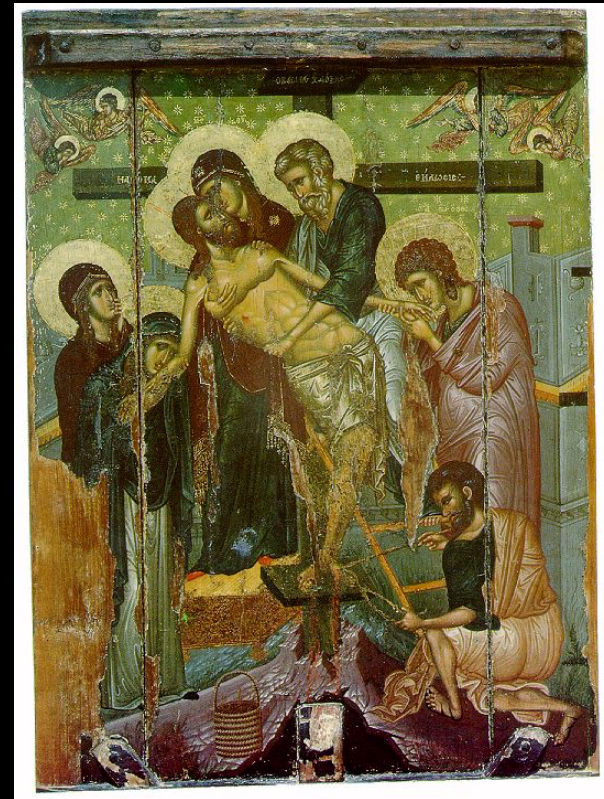
After this, Joseph, who was from the town of Arimathea, asked Pilate if he could take Jesus' body. (Joseph was a follower of Jesus, but in secret, because he was afraid of the Jewish authorities.) Pilate told him he could have the body, so Joseph went and took it away.

John 19.39

Nicodemus, who at first had gone to see Jesus at night, went with Joseph, taking with him about one hundred pounds of spices, a mixture of myrrh and aloes.

John 19.40

The two men took Jesus' body and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices according to the Jewish custom of preparing a body for burial.



John 19.41

There was a garden in the place where Jesus had been put to death, and in it there was a new tomb where no one had ever been buried.

John 19.42

Since it was the day before the Sabbath and because the tomb was close by, they placed Jesus' body there.

John 20.1

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance.



Today, Hades groans and cries out, "It would have been better for me if I had not received the One born of Mary; for when He came here, He destroyed my power. He shattered the gates of brass; and, as God, He resurrected the souls, which I held captive for ages." Glory to Your Cross and Your Resurrection, O Lord

Sticheron, Vesperal Liturgy, Good Saturday



**Christ is risen
from the dead,
trampling
down death by
death, and on
those in the
tombs
bestowing life!**

John 20.2

She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

John 20.3-4

Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first.

John 20.3-5

Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in.

John 20.6-7

Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself.

John 20.8

Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed.

John 20.9-10

They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.) Then the disciples went back home.

John 20.11-12

Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet.

John 20.13

**“Woman, why are you crying?”
they asked her. She answered,
“They have taken my Lord
away, and I do not know where
they have put him!”**

John 20.14

Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus.

John 20.15

“Woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who is it that you are looking for?” She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, “If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”

John 20.16

Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned toward him and said in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (This means “Teacher.”)

John 20.17

“Do not hold on to me,” Jesus told her, “because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God.”

John 20.18

So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.

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