

JESUS: HE IS RISEN! **JOHN 20:19**

- I. Empty! There was no one there!
 - A. Precise accordance with the prophecies
 - 1. John 2:19-21
 - 2. Psalm 16:10
 - 3. Luke 18:33
 - 4. Luke 9:45; 18:34*
 - 5. Luke 24:8 “they remembered his words...”
 - B. Scripture reports what we would expect:
 - 1. Surprise of the Apostles
 - a. Luke 2:11,12 “idle words” “but Peter arose and ran...”
 - b. John runs with Peter but it is Peter who goes inside
 - 2. The burial linens were left neatly
 - a. grave robbers would not take the time
 - b. would prefer to have the body wrapped
 - C. The dullness of their understanding (vs 9)
- II. The Significance of the Empty Tomb
 - A. Positively it ultimately proved He was who He said He was.
 - B. Negatively, it would have made Jesus a false prophet had He not risen.
 - C. Therefore great proof was provided (1 Corinthians 15:3)
- III. The Significance of the finder – Mary Magdalene
 - A. A woman with a sordid past (Luke 8:2)
 - B. She is always mentioned first in a listing of the female followers of Jesus, suggesting she was their leader.
 - C. All 4 record that MM also led Peter to the tomb by her information.