

WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	My saviour redeemer
	Happy Day
PRAYER	
UPDATES	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	At the cross (no longer I)
	When I survey
BIBLE READING	John 20:1-31 (Church Bible page 1142)
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	Living Hope



Person of interest ~8 Invitation to Believe John 20:1-31

is Jesus?

The _____ of Jesus wasn't even worth telling _____ from the resurrection.

___expected _____ body.

'Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.' John 11:45 NIV

New _____.

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'Mv command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.' John 15:12 NIV

1. The of Jesus:

'So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two othersone on each side and Jesus in the middle.' John 19:16-18 NIV

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.' John 19:26-27 NIV

"It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.' John 19:30 NIV

'The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.' John 19:35 NIV

2. The ______ of Jesus: 'Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no-one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was near by, they laid Jesus there.' John 19:38-42 NIV

3. The

of Jesus:

'Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.' John 20:1-8 NIV



'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' 1 John 1:1 $\rm NIV$

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.' 1 John 1:14 NIV

'Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" 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 it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 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 NIV

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



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What were your first recollections and memories of Easter?

2. When is the last time you were surprised by something that was completely unexpected?

3. The four Gospels focus on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. When you think of Jesus, which of those three words come to mind the most? Why?

4. Read John 19:16–42, where the apostle John recounts the crucifixion of Jesus.

- What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe this actually happened?
- What stands out to you about this passage?
- What emotions must the disciples have been feeling?

5. Read John 20:1–8, 24–28, where the apostle John recounts the resurrection of Jesus.

- What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe this actually happened?
- What stands out to you about these passages?
- Who can you relate to most from these passages: Peter, John, or Thomas? What makes you say that?

6. Read John 20:29. While many eyewitnesses believed in Jesus because of what they saw firsthand, why do you think Jesus called people—such as us—who were not eyewitnesses to the resurrection "blessed"?

7. How can we make more of the resurrection in our daily lives?



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