

**John 20**

**Living in Light of the Resurrection**

**Death**

**1. Why Did Jesus Die?**

- Jesus died because He loved us and wanted to show us the Kingdom of God.
- John 20:30-31 so that we may believe.

**2. We were already Dead**

- We are dead, struggling through life on our own, relying on our own understanding rather than holding to the truth of God and his purpose for us.
- John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
- James 2:26 - For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

**Resurrected**

**1. The Amazing Surprise!**

- After Jesus died, He came back to life! This is called His resurrection.
- John 20:1-9

**2. What Does This Mean for Us?**

- Jesus' resurrection means we can have new life and enjoy serving and worshiping Him forever. As His children we have an eternal resting place in Glory.
- 1 Peter 1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
- Romans 6:4 - "Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life."
- Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

**John 21:1-14 – A Temptation to Return**

- Jesus knew what His people would face in this world. Which is why He prayed the things He prayed in John 17. Jesus prayed His people would be:
- Protected (v11)
- Filled with Joy (v13)
- Rooted in God's Word (v14)
- Protected from the evil one (v15)
- Sanctified by the Word of Truth (v17)
- With Him (v24-26)

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**John 21:15-17 - Feed His Sheep**

- Jesus asked Peter to shepherd and feed His sheep (people).
- We need to be led to the Word and feast on the Word. Meaning, we need to be taught the Word of God and then we need to live out the Word of God.
- John 15:1-11

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