

The Triumphant King!
Text: John 20: 1-18
April 16, 2022

Big Idea: Jesus has triumphed over death; all who believe in Him will be given new life.

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

- a) List the apologetic evidences in this text that support the truth of the resurrection.
- b) Which of these do you find most impactful for you? Why?
- c) How should these strengthen our confidence in the truth of the resurrection & God's Word?
- d) How could you use these when sharing the gospel with a non-believer?

Jesus has triumphed over death...

Point 1: The EVIDENCE is CLEAR: "He's not here!" (vv. 1-10)

Question: The evidence for the resurrection is clear. Will you see the truth and believe?

Question #6

- a) What was the real reason Jesus had the stone moved?
- b) How do each of Jesus' followers respond when seeing the empty tomb?
- c) Which disciple went back home with hope? Did he understand everything about resurrection?
- d) What truths/promises of the gospel are you seeing/hearing but not truly believing in your life?
- e) Repent of your unbelief and pray for one another for an increasing faith in those promises.

Point 2: The TRUTH is CONFIRMED: “He is alive!” (vv. 11-18)

Question: Jesus rose from the grave and offers you new life. Will you believe and declare it?

Question #7

- a) **Rd. vv. 11-13:** When Mary gets back to the tomb, who does she see when she looks in?
- b) Why truth did the presence of the angels confirm about the resurrection?

Question #8

- a) **Rd. vv. 14-16:** What are some possible reasons Mary didn't recognize Jesus?
- b) **Rd. John 10:27:** How does Mary's response to Jesus' Word confirm the truth of this verse?
- c) How does this encourage you and give confidence to share the gospel with those around you?
- d) Who has God put around you to share the gospel with? Pray for them as a group & ask for an opportunity to share with them this week!

Question #9

- a) **Rd. vv. 17-18:** Why is the truth that Jesus had a bodily resurrection crucial to the truth of the gospel?
- b) Give examples from Scripture that prove Jesus rose in body and not as a spirit.
- c) How does the truth of Jesus' bodily resurrection help us live with an eternal perspective?

Question #10

- a) **Rd. v 17:** How does Jesus' statement point to the new life that He gives to all believers?
- b) As a group, list as many characteristics of our new life in Christ as possible and discuss the implications of each one for how we are to live our lives now. Use Scripture to support.
- c) How do each of these equip us to fulfill the Great Commission?
- d) Which part(s) of your new life in Christ are the greatest struggle for you to believe/live out? Why?
- e) What are some steps you can take this week to grow in these areas? Ask the group to support you.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: Jesus, you are the triumphant King who _____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Confess & repent of where you are not living out your new life in Christ.
- c) THANKSGIVING to God: Thank Jesus for the gift of the gospel and the new life you have in Him.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: i) An increasing faith in the truth of the gospel ii) Increasing fervency and initiative in your witness for the gospel. iii) For Jesus to save the lost and sanctify His Church through the gospel.

Memory Verse:

*“...’Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’...
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”-1 Corinthians 15: 54b-55, 57-58*

