

WHAT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS DOES & DOES NOT MEAN

John 20:19-23

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1. The Resurrection does *not* mean that I have all the (answers).

“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.’” – John 20:1-2

2. The Resurrection does *not* mean that the (struggle) is over.

“That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.” – John 20:19a NLT

“Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Saducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in public jail.... They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.” – Acts 5:17-18, 40

3. The Resurrection *does* mean that Jesus is who He (claimed) to be.

“Jesus showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.” – John 20:20

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” – John 14:6

4. The Resurrection *does* mean that I never again need to be (alone) and (afraid) in the dark.

“When it was evening on the first day of the week, Jesus’ followers were together. The doors were locked because they were afraid of the elders. Then Jesus came and stood right in the middle of them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” – John 20:19 NCV

5. The Resurrection *does* mean that I can be (forgiven) and experience (intimacy) with God.

“And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If

you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven....” – John 20:22-23