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Series: Believing Christ: Responding to John’s Gospel 2024-08-11

**The Resurrection: What were they looking for?**

***John 20:1-31***

**Theme:** Looking for Jesus

Intro: Inattentional blindness shows that people often miss unexpected events, even when they are looking directly at them, because their attention is focused on something else.

I. Mary went to the tomb looking for the body of Jesus. (1-2)

A. To continue the burial process

B. Saw the stone moved

* Expected stone to be in place
* Expected other to help (move stone and with burial preps)

C. Ran to Peter and John

* Running indicates urgency
* Reason revealed: thought someone had taken Jesus’ body

II. Peter and John went to the tomb looking for the body of Jesus. ( 3-10)

A. Running indicates urgency.

* John was faster, arrived first, but did not enter
* Peter arrived second, immediately entered the tomb.

B. Peter saw, but did not comprehend

C. John saw and understood the empty tomb revealed the resurrection as fulfillment of scriptures

(Isa 53:10-12, Ps 16:10, Jonah 1:17, & Hos 6:2)

**The empty tomb revealed the resurrection, Prompting Belief Despite Confusion and Uncertainty!**

III. Mary continues to look for Jesus (11-18)

A. Mary still has confusion and uncertainty

B. Mary initially fails to recognize Jesus

C. Mary is comforted by Jesus

**Through His resurrection, believers now have direct access to God as their Father**

IV. Disciples are looking for Jesus by hiding in a locked room (19-23)

A. Jesus assures his disciples with his presence

B. Jesus empowers his disciples to be apostles

**The Disciples are Empowered to be Apostles and continue his Mission**

V. Thomas was looking for proof of Jesus’ resurrection (24-31)

A. Thomas only speaks a few times but each time it leads to a profound announcement

B. Jesus offered Thomas what he was looking for!

**Trust in what is true, even if it challenges our expectation (24-31)**

**Have you found what you are looking for?**