

# A Journey through the Gospel of John

## Theology of John's Gospel

The word came from heaven to accomplish His work  
on earth so that we who are on earth can  
have a home in heaven

"But these are written that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,  
and that by believing you may have life in His name."  
~John 20:31

## Gospel of John Ch. 20: "Four Miraculous Encounters & the Empty Tomb"

### Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for bringing us together in your name.  
Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.  
We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.  
Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.  
We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### Study Guide Group Questions: John 20:1-31

- 1) When Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb to discover that Jesus' body was missing, how did Peter and "the other disciple" respond to Mary's news? Why did they respond this way?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) When Mary first encountered the risen Jesus, she clung to Him with joy. Why do you suppose Jesus told her, "Do not hold onto me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father?"

- 3) Verses 21-23 describes the event known as the "Great Commission." What was the significance of Jesus breathing on His disciples?
  
- 4) The future work of the disciples spreading the gospel would be extremely difficult and extremely dangerous. What did Jesus do to prepare them for it?
  
- 5) John writes that Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples. What do you think was John's criteria in choosing what to record in his gospel?

## Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.  
May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.  
May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,  
The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,  
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.