

"Is That Really Necessary?"
John 20:1-10
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1. Read John 20:1-10. Discuss the events that had led up to this point.
2. Read the parallel accounts of the resurrection to get a broader view of the events that took place (Mt. 28:1-7; Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-12).
3. Read John 20:9. Give several reasons why Jesus must rise again from the dead.
4. What condition would Christians be in if the resurrection had not occurred? (c.f. 1 Cor. 15:19.)
5. The following statements suggest the necessity of the resurrection. Fill in the blanks and discuss:
 - a. Jesus' resurrection was a demonstration of God's _____.
 - b. The resurrection confirmed Jesus Christ as the _____ _ _ _____.
 - c. The _____ of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - i. How is the resurrection central to the faith of the believer? (c.f. 1 Cor. 15:13-15)
 - ii. How is the resurrection the basis for the believer's justification? (c.f. Rom. 4:25; Gal. 3:27)
 - iii. What is the Christian's hope? (c.f. Acts 24:15)
 - iv. What does 1 Cor. 15:20-23 have to say about the resurrection of the believer?
6. Discuss the statement, "Before there can be a resurrection, there has to be a death". How does this apply to the believer? Are there other applications to which this concept can apply? Discuss.