

John 20 – The Empty Tomb

These are the leaders notes from the Kielder Bible Study Group for the meeting that was held on 18th June 2013

Starter

Here I am to Worship Song

Recap

In Chapter 19 we learnt about the how Jesus was sentenced and died .

John 20

Note – Grave robbing was so epidemic that 15 years these events Emperor Claudius declared that anyone caught stealing from a grave would be punished by death – The stealing was probably for the value of the spices.

The Empty Tomb 1-9

1-2 Q What is interesting about who Mary came running to? A Simon Peter must still have been the leader of the disciples despite his denials.

3-9 – Note the “other disciple” mentioned in v3 is John

Q Why do we think John goes into so much detail as to what the tomb was like inside? A If it had been grave robbers would they have folded up the clothes?

Q What do we think the other disciple believed in v8 when considered alongside v9

Three people (Mary, Peter & John) with three responses – how does this reflect their characters?

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene 10-18

10-12 Q Why does John mention the colour? A Symbolism of v1 – dark v11 light

13-15 Q What Symbolism would two angles have to Mary as a Jew? A Ark of the Covenant – where God met his people

16-18

Q How did Mary finally recognise Jesus? A Mary

Q Why is it amazing that Jesus appeared to Mary? A If it had been a con then a woman would not have been used as the first witness.

Jesus appears to his Disciples 19-23

Note this was probably a bigger group than just the original disciples.

19-23 Q Why were the doors locked?

Q What do we think Jesus means by v22?

Jesus appears to Thomas 24-31

24-27

Q What do we think about Jesus' comment in v27, which was a week after Thomas first made his comments? Jesus knows the answers

Q Do we think Jesus is listening to our everyday comments today or just when we pray?

28-31

Q What do we think about Thomas?

V31 gives the reason for the Gospel and is repeated in 1 John 1 1-3

Recap

What would we say is the key point of this chapter – Jesus is alive!!