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The Investigating Jesus
John 20:1-20

The Most Revealing Clues: _____

Jesus foretold His resurrection:

John 2:18-21 *The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" 21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.*

John 10:17-18 *"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."*

The Old Testament foretold Jesus' resurrection:

Psalms 16:10 *For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.*

Investigating the Clues

I. When we rush through life we _____.

John 20:1-4 *Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." 3 So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. 4 The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;*

1. Mary rushed because she was _____ (Vs. 1&2)
2. Peter rushed because he was _____ (Vs. 3&4)
3. John rushed because he _____ (Vs. 3&4)

II. When we slow down we see the _____.

John 20:5-11 *...and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. 6 And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. 9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. 10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes.*

III. When we stop & investigate the clues we _____.

John 20:11-20 *But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13 And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).... 19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.*

When Mary stopped rushing...

1. She saw the angels in the tomb.
2. She recognized the Risen Christ.

Point:

Mt. 7:7 *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."*

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

Spend some time this week investigating the clues.

1. What am I searching for in life? Am I finding it?
2. Do I take the time to see the clues God has put in my life?
3. Do I daily experience the Risen Christ in my life? When was the last time I encountered the Risen Christ?
4. What one thing could I do to slow down and stop to intentionally experience the Risen Lord?



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