

## "I Have Seen the Lord!"

John 20:10-23

*Going Beyond* the sermon into Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on April 15, 2018

### ***Entering In:***

*What would you have told him if you had met the resurrected Jesus?*

1. Who is this "Mary" who stayed behind at the tomb after the disciples had left [cf. Luke 24:10]?

How did she become a follower of Christ [cf. Luke 8:1-2]?

Why was she weeping? What was her main concern?

2. Why do you think Mary didn't recognize Jesus immediately when she saw him?

What happened that enabled Mary to recognize Jesus?

What is significant about her response to Jesus after she recognized him?

In John 10:22–27, Jesus explained why some people recognized him as the "Christ" while others didn't. Do you think that at this moment Mary fully realized who Jesus was, or not? Explain.

How did you come to recognize and confess that Jesus is the "Christ"?

3. Which of the following better explains Jesus' command, "Do not hold on to me"?

A. "Do not cling to me"

B. "Do not begin to touch me"

What reason did Jesus give Mary for this command?

What did Mary apparently not yet understand about the purpose of Jesus' resurrection?

How do you "set your heart on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father" (Colossians 3:1)?

4. When Jesus appeared to the disciples that evening, where were they and why were they there?

Jesus greeted them with a standard Hebrew greeting, "*Shalom*". What does *shalom* mean?

When we "pass the peace of Christ" in our worship services, what is on *your* mind when you say the word "peace"?

Why do you think Jesus immediately proceeded to show his disciples his hands and side after he greeted them?

How did the disciples respond when they saw Jesus?

Try to imagine the moment when you will first see Jesus. Will you be overjoyed? Why or why not?

5. How did John state the Great Commission (v.21)?

What particular work did the Father send Jesus to accomplish that he is sending us to continue?

What particular work(s) did the Father send Jesus to accomplish that he is *not* sending us to continue?

When prophets (1 Kings 19:16; Psalm 105:15), priests (Exodus 29:7, 30:30) and kings (1 Samuel 10:1) in the Old Testament were consecrated for their ministries, what outward sign was given, and what did that sign represent?

How did Jesus consecrate the disciples for their mission? Why?

How would you explain that this is not an alternate account of the coming of the Spirit that contradicts Luke's account in Acts 2?

6. "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Which of the following can be inferred from this statement?

- A. I can decide whose sins are forgiven and whose sins are not forgiven.
- B. Only apostles and their successors (priests, pastors, etc.) can forgive sins.
- C. Only Jesus can forgive or pronounce judgment on sins.
- D. Forgiveness of sins is the essence of the Gospel message.
- E. When we proclaim the Gospel, we are thereby proclaiming forgiveness of sins.
- F. Those who refuse to believe the Gospel are under condemnation, i.e. their sins are not forgiven.

This statement is very similar to what we read in Matthew 16:19.

- How are binding and loosing related to forgiving and not forgiving men's sins?
- Jesus referred to this authority as the "keys of the kingdom of heaven". What are the two functions of keys?

If we fail to proclaim the Gospel, which function of the keys are we exercising by default?

How are you helping the Church to fulfill the Great Commission?

***Living It Out:***

*Pray for one person who needs to hear about the good news of Jesus' resurrection,  
and reach out to him/her this week.*

