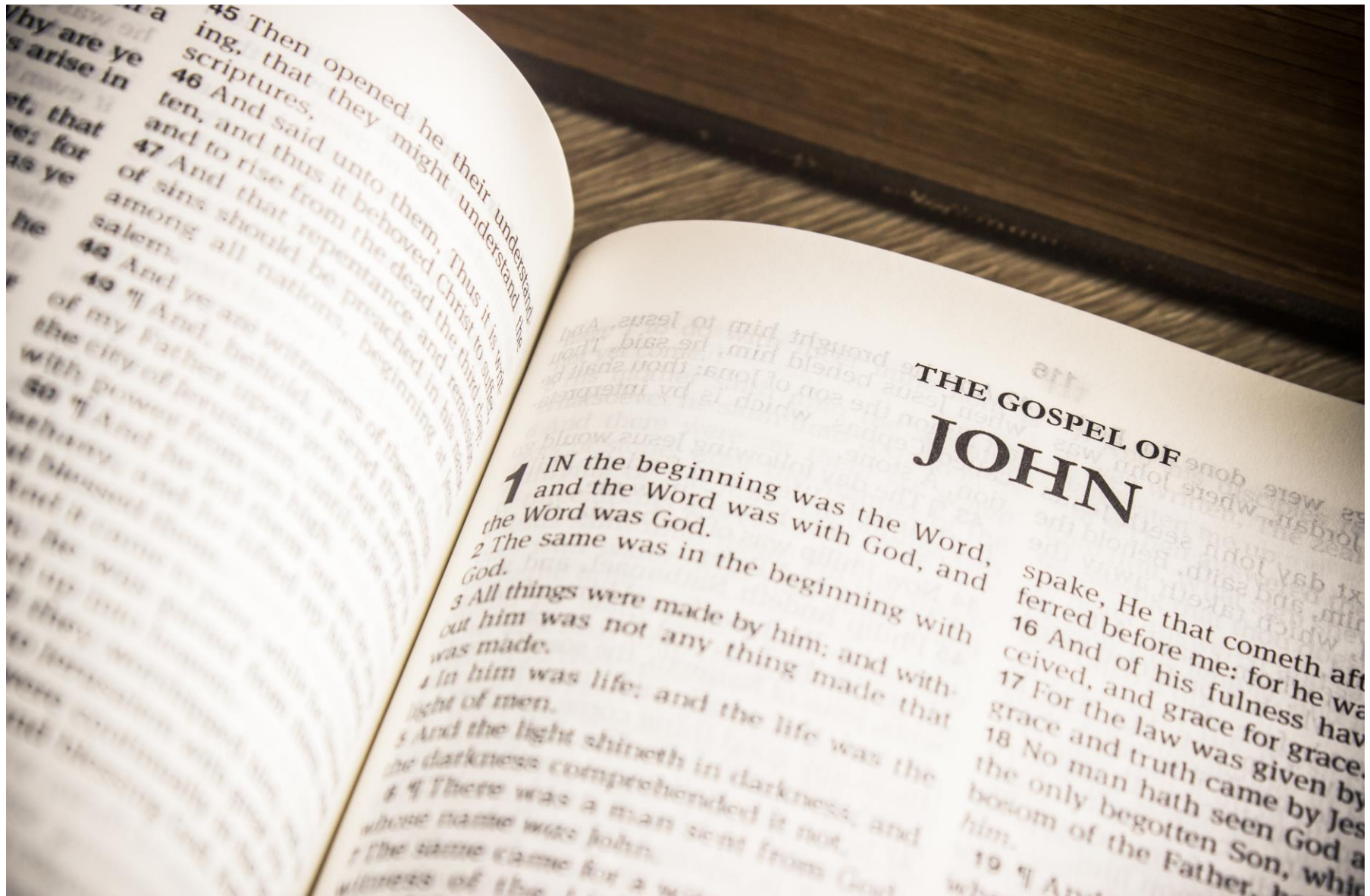


Seeing and Believing



John 16:22

²² Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from you.

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John Chapter 20

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1) Mary Magdalene

John 20:1

¹ 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.

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1) Mary Magdalene

➤ Response: Confusion,

John 20:2

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.”

John 20:11-18

¹¹ 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.

John 20:11-18

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.

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1) Mary Magdalene

➤ Response: Confusion, then Joy

John 20:11-18

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.”

John 20:11-18

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher).

John 20:11-18

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”

John 20:11-18

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and *that* He had said these things to her.

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2) Peter and John

John 20:2-3

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 [John] went forth, and they were going to the tomb.

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2) Peter and John

➤ Response: Confusion,

John 20:4-8

⁴ The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first;
⁵ and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in.

John 20:4-8

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.

John 20:4-8

⁸ So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.

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2) Peter and John

➤ Response: Confusion, then Faith

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3) The Disciples

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3) The Disciples

➤ Response: Fear,

John 20:19

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.”

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3) The Disciples

➤ Response: Fear, then Joy

John 20:19-21

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.

John 20:19-21

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

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4) Thomas

John 20:24

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

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4) Thomas

➤ Response: Doubt,

John 20:25

²⁵ So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

John 20:26-28

²⁶ After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace *be* with you.”

John 20:26-28

²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

John 20:26-28

²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him,
“My Lord and my God!”

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4) Thomas

➤ Response: Doubt, then Faith

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Why Such Joy?

John 16:22

²² Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one *will* take your joy away from you.

Some Words For Us Today...



A Challenge from Jesus:

John 20:29

²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed?”

Blessed *are* they who did not see,
and *yet* believed.”

Some Words For Us Today...



A Challenge from John:

John 20:30-31

³⁰ Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 12:42-43

⁴² Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

⁴³ for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

John 3:36

³⁶ He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

John 20:30-31

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Let's respond to
Jesus Christ with
faith,
receiving life in
Him,
and living as
those sent
by Him.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?



James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.