

We are blessed to live in a time in which almost all spiritual things spiritual have revealed in clarity. Now all that remains is for us to listen, look, and believe!

John 20:1-9 | An Amazing Revelation about Lack of Revelation

- Participants in John's Gospel: *Mary Magdalene, Peter, John*. These are three people who had first-hand experience with our Lord all through His ministry.
- Mary's understanding is in verse 2: *Someone has stolen the body of Jesus*.
- Mary's understanding is stated again in verse 13: *they have taken away my Lord*.
- And again in verse 15: *tell me where thou hast laid him?*
- Would it be possible, using Scripture, to show that Mary Magdalene came to the tomb to celebrate the resurrection?
- What of Peter and John?
 - Verses 6-8 show the entrance, and says that John **saw, and believed** (v. 8).
 - What did he believe? He believed Mary's words of verse 2.
 - How do we know he didn't believe that Jesus was risen? Because of verse 9.
- Mary stuck around and saw Jesus and went and reported to the disciples (verse 18).
 - Did they believe her? Of course, they would...right?
 - Mark 16:10-13 gives clarity.
- Would it be possible, using the Scripture, to show that those closest to Jesus Christ knew in advance that He was going to be raised from the dead?
- If those closest to Him did not know in advance, could it be possible to accept these statements as true:
 - Answers in Genesis: Thus, saturating all of Scripture, there is a gospel theme that showcases the suffering, Resurrection, and glory of the promised Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the central object of our faith and the fulfillment of all that the faithful who have preceded us down through the ages had believed in.
 - Billy Graham: Both Old Testament believers and New Testament believers were saved by grace through faith on the basis of the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament looked forward

to the sacrifice of Christ, while the New Testament looks back on that same sacrifice.

- GotQuestions.org - Clearly, Old Testament saints were aware of the promised Redeemer, and they were saved by faith in that Savior, the same way people are saved today.
- The Scripture certainly said that the Messiah would be crucified, buried, and raised (see v. 9), but those closest to Jesus **knew not the scripture**.
- Rather than making them know more than they know, let's trust Scripture for what it says!

1 Corinthians 15:1-5 | An Amazing Revelation Now Made Clear

- The Gospel has been **declared** – this is a *knowledge* word *ginosko*.
- Many have **received** this Gospel (*paralambano* -to come alongside and pick it up).
- Receiving this Gospel *saves* us and the only lack of salvation is if we have believed in something else.
- What do we believe? That Christ died, was buried, and rose again.

Why does this work?

- Adam's sin left every one of us removed from eternal life and facing death.
- This was not God's intent in creation and cannot therefore exist into eternity.
- God sent a "second Adam" to accomplish that which the first Adam did not accomplish.
- The second Adam lived in self-dominion and dominion of the created order. He never succumbed to temptation and He always demonstrated dominion over creation.
- The second Adam was (in ignorance) put to death as an imposter, but He was raised on the third day.
- Having been raised from the dead, the Second Adam is ultimately in control of all that takes place.
 - Hebrews 2:8-9
- Now Jesus allows every man, woman, boy and girl to place their faith in Him and move from the lineage of the first Adam to the Second Adam.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

The Clarity of our age

- What joy to live in a day in which the price has been paid, and the offer to *believe* has been made.
- We live in a day in which the ultimate victory has not yet come, but the personal victory of salvation stands as a gift to all who would receive.