**THE RISEN CHRIST**

John 20:1-31

Key Verse 20:17b “Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

1. What was the reaction of Mary, Peter and John when they discovered that the tomb was empty? (1-4) Even though John saw the evidence of resurrection, why didn’t they understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead? (7-9)

2. Why was Mary crying? (11-15) How did the risen Jesus help her to overcome her sorrow? (16-17) What does Jesus mean by saying, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God”? (17b)

3. Even after receiving Mary’s good news, why were the disciples still fearful? (19) How did the risen Jesus help them to overcome their fear? (19-22; cf. 2 Timothy 1:7)

4. How did the risen Jesus help Thomas to overcome his doubt? (24-28) What is the meaning of Thomas’ confession? (28)

5. What is the significance of Jesus’ appearing in his resurrection physical body? (26-27, Luke 24:39-42, 1 Corinthians 15:42-44) What blessing does Jesus give to us who have not seen Jesus with physical eyes, but have read this book and believed in Jesus? (29-31)