

John 20:1-10 (NLT)

Early on Sunday morning,* while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ² She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. ⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. ⁸ Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed—⁹ for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then they went home.

QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENED TO JESUS?

Theory 1: Jesus never _____, just fainted.

John 19:32-34 (NLT)

³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the two men crucified with Jesus. ³³ But when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so they didn't break his legs. ³⁴ One of the soldiers, however, pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

Theory 2: Jesus' body was _____ .

Theory 3: Jesus really did _____ from the dead.

QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR JESUS' RESURRECTION?

Answer 1: Jesus is who He _____ He is.

"I am the *resurrection* and the *life*..." (John 11:25)

"I am the *way*, and the *truth*, and the *life*..." (John 14:6)

Acts 4:8-10, 12 (NLT)

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them... "Do you want to know how he was healed? ¹⁰ Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.

¹² There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Acts 17:31 (NLT)

³¹ For he (God) has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

Answer 2: My _____ no longer defines me.

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

Answer 3: My _____ is secure in Him.

1 Peter 1:4 (ESV)

... to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...

BIG IDEA:

The Cross and the empty tomb are

not _____, they are _____.