

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 2, 2008**

**The One Who Conquered Death
John 20:1-10
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Christ's mastery over death was manifested in three different ways (John 19:30 to John 20:31).

Christ's mastery over death was manifested in His dying (John 19:30-37).

Christ's mastery over death was manifested in His burial (John 19:38-42).

Christ's mastery over death was manifested in His resurrection (John 20:1-37).

The apostle John in John 20:1-31 presented two different exhibits to support the fact of the resurrection.

The first exhibit that John presented to his readers to support the resurrection was the empty tomb (John 20:1-10).

Mary Magdalene came to the tomb very early on Sunday morning, or in other words, the first day after the Sabbath.

Mary Magdalene had once been demon possessed until Christ, according to Luke 8:2, cast them out.

Mary Magdalene was going to the tomb in order to anoint Christ's body according to Luke 23:55-56.

Based on Matthew 28:1, we learn that Mary Magdalene was also accompanied by "the other Mary," most likely Mary, the wife of Clopas.

The stone had been taken away from the entrance of the tomb by an angel according to Matthew 28:2.

Mary Magdalene, after finding the guard gone and the stone moved, and having concluded that the soldiers had taken the body, ran to Peter and John to report it (John 20:2).

Peter and John responded just like we would have responded. They went to verify what they had been told (John 20:3-7).

The significance that John placed on the grave clothes, or in other words, on the linen and on the face-cloth, was highlighted by his repeated reference to them in John 20:5-6.

The grave clothes are significant because their presence in the tomb, and their positioning, was far more consistent with a resurrection than a body snatching.

When John 20:8 says that John “believed,” it simply means that John believed that the tomb was empty as Mary Magdalene had told them.

May God give us the grace to understand, based on the promise of Christ and His complete mastery over death, that even if we die, we will live again.