

“The Greatest Escape!”

John 20:1-18

Main Idea: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of Christian faith, **proving** His victory over sin and death, and **offering** believers new life, hope, and reconciliation with God.

I. Introduction: *Great Escape Movies!*

II. The Great(est) Escape: *An Empty Tomb and a Risen Lord*

- The Great Discovery v. 1-2:
 - "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said!" (Matthew 28:6)
- Great Reactions v. 3-10
 - Peter & John
- Eyewitness Encounter v. 11-18
 - The resurrection wasn't just a spiritual idea; it was a physical, historical event witnessed by many. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).

III. The Great Significance: *Why the Resurrection Changes Everything*

A. Victory Declared:

- Over Sin (Romans 4:25)
- Over Death (1 Corinthians 15:54-57)

B. Identity Confirmed:

- The resurrection validated Jesus' claims to be the Son of God. (Romans 1:4)

C. Hope Secured:

- Eternal Life (John 11:25-26)
- New Life Now (Romans 6:4, Ephesians 1:18-20)

D. Faith Founded:

- The resurrection is non-negotiable (1 Corinthians 15:12-22)

IV. Our Great Escape: *How to Live in the Light of the Resurrection*

- Live with Hope (1 Peter 1:3)
- Live without Fear (1 John 4:19)
- Live in Freedom (Romans 8:1-2)
- Live with Purpose (Matthew 6:33)
- Live Transformed (Romans 12:1-2)

***He is Risen! This isn't just an ancient story;
it's a present reality with power for today and hope for eternity.***