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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN · WORKSHEET · THURSDAY APR 1

John 20 · week 20 of 21

My Lord and My God · Questions for the week

READ MONDAY – WEDNESDAY · MEET THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 1

Work the questions over three evenings, and bring the sheet on Thursday. Answer from the text first and write the verse beside every answer.

THE WEEK

Monday	Read John 20 straight through, then again with a pen and mark it · Mon, Mar 29
Tuesday	Read the study notes; answer the Observe questions and count the key words · Tue, Mar 30
Wednesday	Interpret, Weigh the Teachers, the Word study and Apply · Wed, Mar 31
Thursday evening	Together: watch the John 20 part of the film, go through the worksheet, pray · Thu, Apr 1

KEY VERSE

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GROUP WORKSHEET · OBSERVE · INTERPRET · APPLY

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BEFORE YOU ANSWER

1. Read John 20 straight through, then a second time slowly with a pen.
2. Mark what you see: God · commands · repeated words · sin / warnings · promises · time / place.
3. Answer from the text first. Write the verse number beside every answer.

COUNT THE KEY WORDS

Find each word in John 20. Tally it and note the verses. What does John keep coming back to?

WORD	HOW MANY?	VERSES
Lord		
seen / saw / see		
believe / believed		
disciples		
tomb		
Peace		

JOHN 20:1–10 The Empty Tomb

1 OBSERVE

When did Mary Magdalene come, what did she see, and what did she tell Peter and John (20:1–2)?

2 OBSERVE

What did Peter see inside the tomb (20:6–7)? What did the other disciple do (20:8)?

3 INTERPRET

Why would the grave clothes convince John? What does 20:9 add?

JOHN 20:11–18 Mary

4 OBSERVE

Whom did Mary think Jesus was, and what made her recognize Him (20:15–16)?

5 INTERPRET

Guzik: "Jesus didn't reveal Himself to Mary by telling her who He was, but by telling her who she was to Him." Read 10:3. What promise comes true here?

6 OBSERVE

What does Jesus tell Mary to stop doing, where does He send her, and what does she announce (20:17–18)?

7 INTERPRET

Jesus says, “My Father and your Father, and My God and your God” (20:17), and calls the men who deserted Him “My brethren.” What does that tell you?

8 APPLY

Jesus knows your name the way He knew Mary’s. What difference does it make to be known, not just to know about Him?

JOHN 20:19–23 The Locked Room

9 OBSERVE

Why were the doors shut, and what did Jesus say and show when He came (20:19–20)?

10 OBSERVE

What did Jesus send them to do, and what did He do and say next (20:21–22)?

11 INTERPRET

The word “breathed” is the verb of Genesis 2:7. What is Jesus picturing? How does this relate to Acts 2?

12 INTERPRET

Read 20:23. Does the church forgive sins by its own power?

13 APPLY

Jesus said "Peace be with you" to men who had abandoned Him. Who needs to hear that peace from you, and where is He sending you (20:21)?

JOHN 20:24–29 Thomas

14 OBSERVE

Where was Thomas, and what did he say when the others told him (20:24–25)?

15 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Guzik: "Thomas didn't doubt; he plainly and strongly refused to believe." Henry: "Those know not what they lose who carelessly absent themselves." Yet Henry also says, "Thomas is not Judas." What does Thomas' story teach about missing the gathering of believers?

16 OBSERVE

What did Jesus say to Thomas, and what did Thomas say (20:27–28)?

17 INTERPRET

Thomas' confession was "said to Him." Compare 1:1. Why does it matter that Jesus accepted it?

18 APPLY

Is your chair empty when the brothers gather? What is keeping you away?

JOHN 20:30–31 The Purpose

19 OBSERVE

Why did John write this book (20:31)?

20 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Sproul on 20:29: "If you're a Christian, you're included in that benediction." What does "Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed" mean for you?

21 APPLY

John's purpose was belief and life. Looking back over the whole Gospel, which sign or saying has done the most to bring you to believe?

WORD STUDY The Greek behind the English

22 WORD *emphysaō* · G1720 · to breathe on

This word is used only in 20:22. Read Genesis 2:7 and Ezekiel 37:9. What is the risen Jesus doing?

23 WORD *kyrios* · G2962 · Lord

Mary says, "I have seen the Lord" (20:18); Thomas says "My Lord and my God" (20:28). What does "Lord" mean on Easter?

PUT IT TOGETHER The chapter as a whole

The theme. In one or two sentences of your own, what is John 20 about?

Jesus. What does this chapter show you about who Jesus is that you want to remember?

This week. What one thing will you do because of this chapter, and which brother will you tell?

Around the table. Prayer requests and what the other men saw that you missed.

ACTS 17:11

The Chosen check

> ACTS 17:11 · NASB
> *"...examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."*

WATCH THIS WEEK

No episode in Seasons 1–5 covers John 20. Optional: Season 1, Episode 1, "I Have Called You by Name"

Watch the episode after you have read the chapter. Then test it by the text — answer from John first, and write the verse beside every answer.

C1 OBSERVE

Season 1, Episode 1 shows Mary Magdalene called by name (Isaiah 43:1). Read 20:14–16. How does Mary recognize the risen Jesus?

C2 OBSERVE

Read 20:30–31. Why did John write his Gospel? How does that purpose shape how we use a show like The Chosen?

C3 INTERPRET

What did the episode add that John 20 does not say? Does the addition help you see the text, or does it change what the text means?

C4 APPLY

The Bereans received the word eagerly and examined the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Where are you most tempted to let a picture, a sermon or a feeling stand in for the text?

The Chosen is a drama, not Scripture. God's Word is the truth; where the film differs, the Word wins.