

Sermon Notes

What really happened to Jesus of Nazareth?

John 20:1-19

Intro: Does what happened to Jesus really matter any more today?

1. The Stakes: (John 11:25-26, cf. 4:14, 5:21-24, 6:35-40, 10:10, 14:6)

Jesus had claimed to be the way to eternal life...

...but that hope now seemed dead and buried

2. The Scene: (John 20:1-10)

Multiple eyewitnesses saw strange facts on the ground...

...but struggled to understand what had happened

3. The Surprise: (John 20:11-18)

Weeping Mary heard the risen Jesus call her by name

...but he wasn't planning to stay on earth

SO WHAT? (John 20:17)

A) Death is not the end

B) God can now be known through Jesus...

C) ...as God our Father not just our maker and judge

Conclusion: do you want to know eternal life? (John 17:3)