

## The Post-Incarnate God

John 20-21

**Introduction:** The Pre-Incarnate God in John 1; The Incarnate God in John 2-19; The Post-Incarnate God in John 20-21

*The Empty Tomb* - John 20:1-9

**Concept:** Jesus contrasted with Lazarus (John 11)

*The First Witness* - John 20:10-16

**Grief** - Stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

The Surprise - Two angels in the tomb - 20:12-13

The Shock - Jesus outside of the tomb - 20:14-17

*An Important Command* - John 20:17-18

**The Glorified Body** - 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

**Concept:** Mary does not go to Jesus biological brothers (vs. 17); she goes to Jesus' believing brothers (vs 17-18).

**Conclusion:** Undeniable Conclusions:

First, Jesus physically appeared in the midst of grieving followers

Second, the grief of Jesus' death was radically changed by the sight of Jesus alive

Third, every person's life was permanently changed when they saw Jesus alive

This story is a transitional period in redemptive history: God's presence changed and their faith was radically emboldened.

We live a world that demands that there be 'physical proof' that God exists and much more—but Jesus calls us to faith, faith that is the evidence of things not seen.

Not until Jesus died and rose from the dead did anyone have a place in the Family of God. That day we became his brothers and sisters by adoption into the family of God.