

**Preparation Questions**  
**John 20**  
**The Resurrection – can you believe it?**

Have a go at filling in the table.	<b>How do the details John records help us see that Resurrection really did happen?</b>	<b>How are we helped to understand what the Resurrection means?</b>	<b>How are we shown the source of true belief?</b>
<b>Incident 1 (20.1-10)</b>	(hint: eyewitness material?)	(hint: how does v9 help us understand where we look to make sense of the Resurrection?)	(hint: How do v8-9 remind us of what we've already seen in John about the foundation of true belief?)
<b>Incident 2 (20.11-18)</b>	(hint: what is Mary expecting?)	(hint: Why shouldn't Mary hold on to Jesus? How does Jesus' message to Mary help us see what Jesus has achieved? )	(hint: what causes Mary to get it?)
<b>Incident 3 (20.19-23)</b>	(hint: how are the disciples feeling?)	(hint: How does ch14-16 help us understand 'peace'? What is the job the disciples have?)	(hint: What's the significance of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit, given ch14v26 & 16v12-15? How does this help us see how they will provide forgiveness?)
<b>Incident 4 (20.24-31)</b>	(hint: does Thomas strike you as gullible?)	(hint: Thomas' conclusion about Jesus?)	(hint: What's wrong with Thomas' response?)

**Sum up and apply**

If you were in court, what details from John's evidence in this chapter would you pick out to convince the jury that Jesus has risen from the dead?

From this chapter how would you answer someone who wants to know what the big implications of the Resurrection are?

From this chapter how would you respond to someone who says, "Why can't God give me a tangible experience or sign here and now to sure up my confidence that the Christian message is true?"

How has ch20 helped make more sense of John's overall purpose statement in v31?