

The Essence of Life!

Twelve Sessions in the Gospel of John

Session Ten:

We Didn't Know Who You Was

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For two thousand years, Jesus of Nazareth has confounded people around the world. He has been the victim of an oft-repeated case of mistaken identity, and the facts surrounding his life, death and resurrection continue to befuddle latter-day observers.

In this section of John's account, a panel of three highly qualified experts is seated to review the facts and render their opinions. If familiarity and intimacy increase the likelihood of a person's understanding of Jesus, these three will spot the implications of these issues in a heartbeat! If, however, there is a supernatural element required to process the facts and arrive at the proper conclusion, they may miss the point entirely.

1. The Panel of Experts *John 20:1-2*

a. Mary Magdaline *vs. 1*

• Luke 8:1-3

b. Simon Peter *vs. 2*

• Luke 5:1-11

c. John the beloved *vs. 2*

• John 13:22-26

2. The Body of Evidence *John 20:3-14*

a. Examined by Peter *vs. 3-7*

b. Examined by John *vs. 8-9*

c. Examined by Mary *vs. 10-14*

3. The Miracle of Easter *John 20:15-18*

a. It baffled them completely *vs. 15*

b. It touched them individually *vs. 16*

c. It effected them eternally *vs. 17*

• Hebrews 9:11-14

d. It encouraged them greatly *vs. 18*

Essence

"Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed."

John 20:8

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