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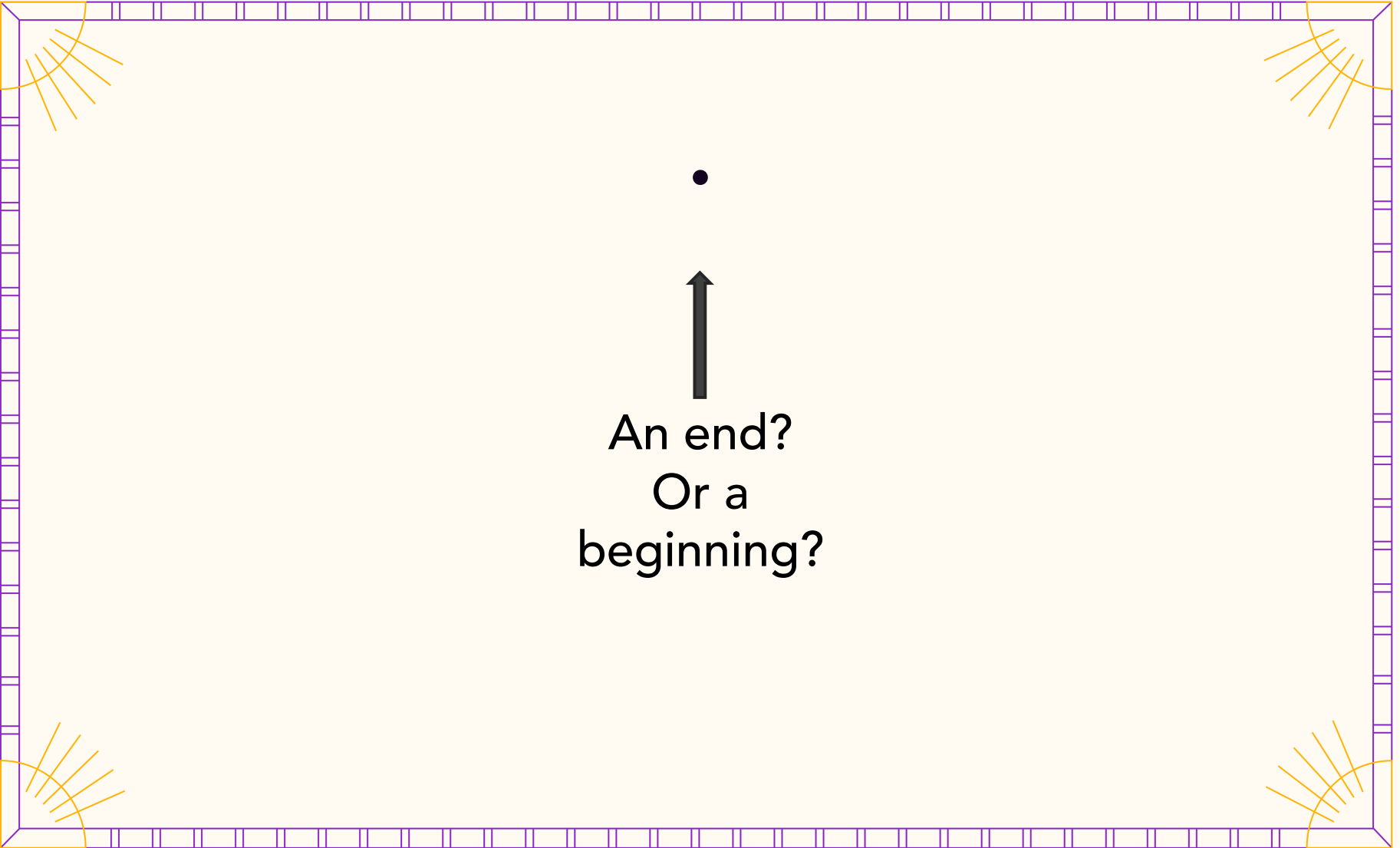
— JOHN —



JOHN 20:1-18

SCRIPTURE READING

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An end?
Or a
beginning?



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John 20:8-10

*“Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. **He saw and believed.** (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes...”*

TESTIMONY

The tomb was empty

Jesus' secured tomb was found empty on Sunday by a group of his women followers, confirmed by John and Peter.

John 20:1-7

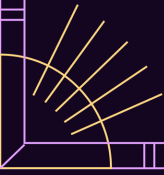
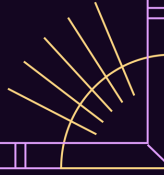
*“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, **Mary Magdalene** went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to **Simon Peter and the other disciple**, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. **He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.**”*

John's Testimony:



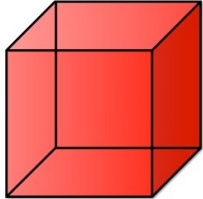
1. The stone was removed from the secure tomb
2. Jesus body was gone, tomb empty
3. John and Peter examined the tomb
4. Women saw angels; Mary M saw Jesus
5. Remains of linen point against desecration or veneration or moving the body



Are resurrection testimonies "a mess"?

1. Do you want *identical* testimonies? No.
 2. Do you want *contradicting* testimonies? No.
 3. Do the discrepancies resolve? They can resolve.
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Dimensions of history and testimony

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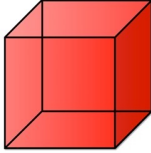
Are these contradictory?

The **narrative** is the **line**.

The **witnesses' experience** the **square**.

What happened is closer to the **cube** (but more complicated).

Dimensions of history and composition

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More Like...



The **testimony** is the **line**.
The **invitation** is the **square**.
The **Big Picture (significance)** is closer to the **cube** (but more complicated).



20:30-31: *"many more things happened...I've included these particular testimonies so that you may believe, and thus have life."*
(vs 19:35)

Discrepancies: 2 "bad" ones

1. Mark vs. Others:

Did the women report what they saw?

2. Luke vs. Others:

Did Jesus appear to his disciples in Galilee or Jerusalem?

(Anti-Christian teachers use these as discrepancies Christians "ignore")

MARK 16:8

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

[The most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9–20.]

⁹When Jesus rose early on the first

16:9

*a*Mk 15:

Jn 20:11

16:11 *b*

14; Lk 2

16:12

*c*Lk 24:

16:14

*d*Lk 24:

16:15

*e*Mt 28:

Lk 24:4

Ac 1:8

16:16 *f*

18,36; A

16:17 *g*

*h*Mk 9:3

Lk 10:1

Galilee or Jerusalem?

In Jerusalem
for feast

Home in Galilee

In Jerusalem
for feast

Passover

Agricultural time

Pentecost

Days 14-21

35 days- 7wks – 14 days



Day 50

5 days of Passover + 35 days = 40



← Matthew

← Mark

← Luke/Acts



← John

Luke is the only Gospel writer that uses ascensions.

SIGNIFICANCE

Jesus really is the Christ

Jesus' resurrection confirms his identity,
though often, his people haven't put it all
together yet.

4+1 Realizations ending John

1. John sees, believes, but doesn't get it
2. Mary, must release Jesus and do her part
3. Disciples receive peace when hiding in fear
4. Thomas sees the selfish problem with skepticism
5. 7 Disciples learn about loving Jesus
Figuring out Jesus has key moments in a process.



INVITATION

Believe for assembly

Jesus wants to help you “put it together”
through a process and with a people.

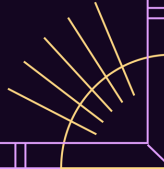
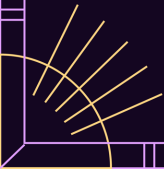


First 2 realizations ending John

1. John sees, believes, but doesn't get it.

(Jn. 20:8-9 NIBO) He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

2. Mary, must release Jesus and do her part

John 20:17 ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 



**There is "putting together"
to do.**

Together.



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(Connect, Grow, Serve)

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