

Beginning with verse 6 another meeting of Jesus with His disciples is recorded. This meeting is the last appearance of Jesus to His disciples just before the ascension. Before He was taken up, He reiterated the wonderful promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit. On this memorable occasion Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (verse 8)

The accounts of the resurrection in the Fourth Gospel are found in chapters 20 and 21. Since these chapters are familiar to all of us, let us note some striking points. Of the women who visited the tomb of Jesus on the first day of the week, John specifically mentions Mary Magdalene alone. Although Mary Magdalene is mentioned alone, yet we learn from her own words in verse 2 "we know not where they have laid Him" that she was a member of that company of women who came to the sepulchre that they might anoint the body of Jesus. We have already noted the visit of the women to the sepulchre according to the Synoptic Gospels. The discovery of Mary Magdalene that the tomb was empty was the message she brought to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, namely the apostle John who is not mentioned in the Synoptics. Both Peter and the other disciple ran together to the tomb. The other disciple being the younger and therefore the more active of the two came first to the tomb. When he saw the linen cloths lying, he did not enter. However, when the bold and daring Peter arrived at the tomb, he entered. He saw not only the linen cloths which John observed but also the covering placed upon the head of Jesus which had been carefully rolled up, and laid in a place by itself. By this very minute and vivid description the evangelist thus indicates the calm and orderly manner in which our Lord had left the tomb. John also took