

Discovery and Discernment

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Mary Concluded: *"they have taken the Lord out of the tomb"*

Her discovery was valid but her discernment was faulty

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2. John's Discovery: The empty tomb & the grave clothes were there

v.3 **"saw"** is the same term used in v.1 *"blepei"*

3. Peter's Discovery

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This word means to look at critically and carefully

What Peter Observes: v.6-7

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2. The face cloth had been folded and set aside
3. Jesus' body is gone

4. John's Conclusion: he went in, "saw" and "believed"

v.8 **"saw"** is from *"eiden"* = to see with comprehension and understanding which produces absolute conviction.

John believed that Jesus had been raised from the dead

He based this conclusion on:

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2. What he remembered from the crucifixion
3. What Jesus had promised

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