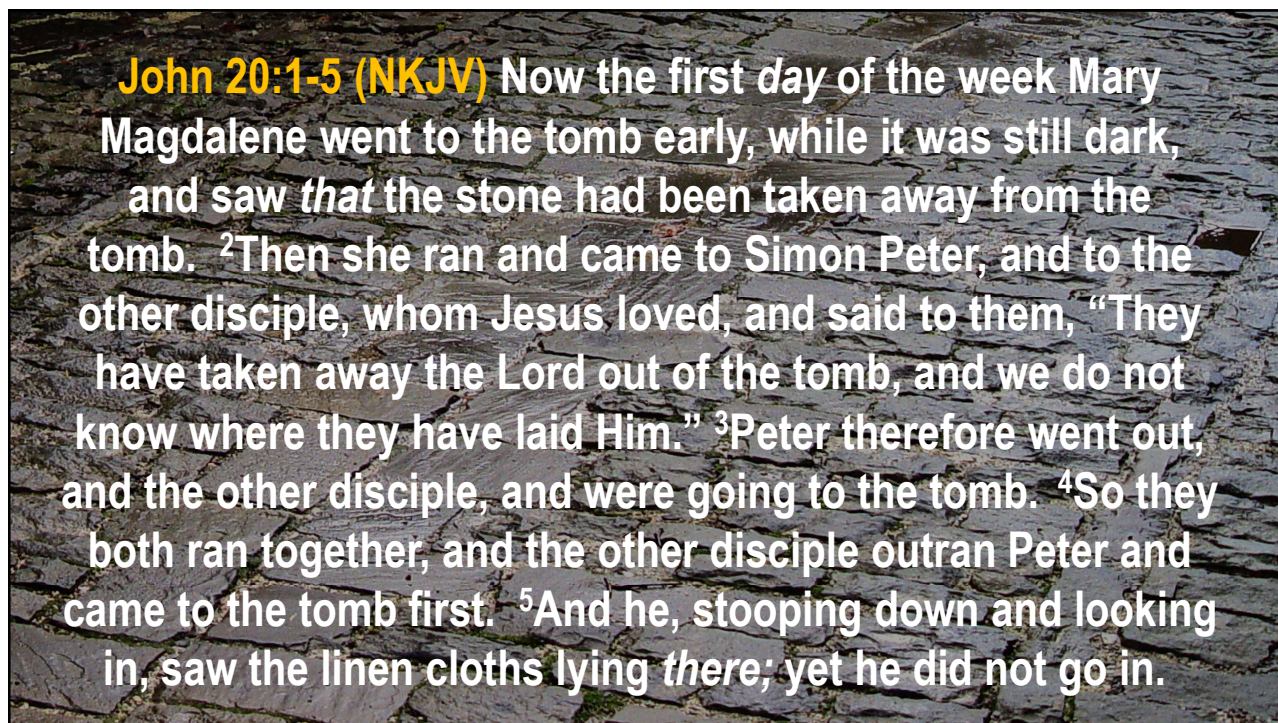




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John 20:1-5 (NKJV) Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." ³Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. ⁴So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. ⁵And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there*; yet he did not go in.

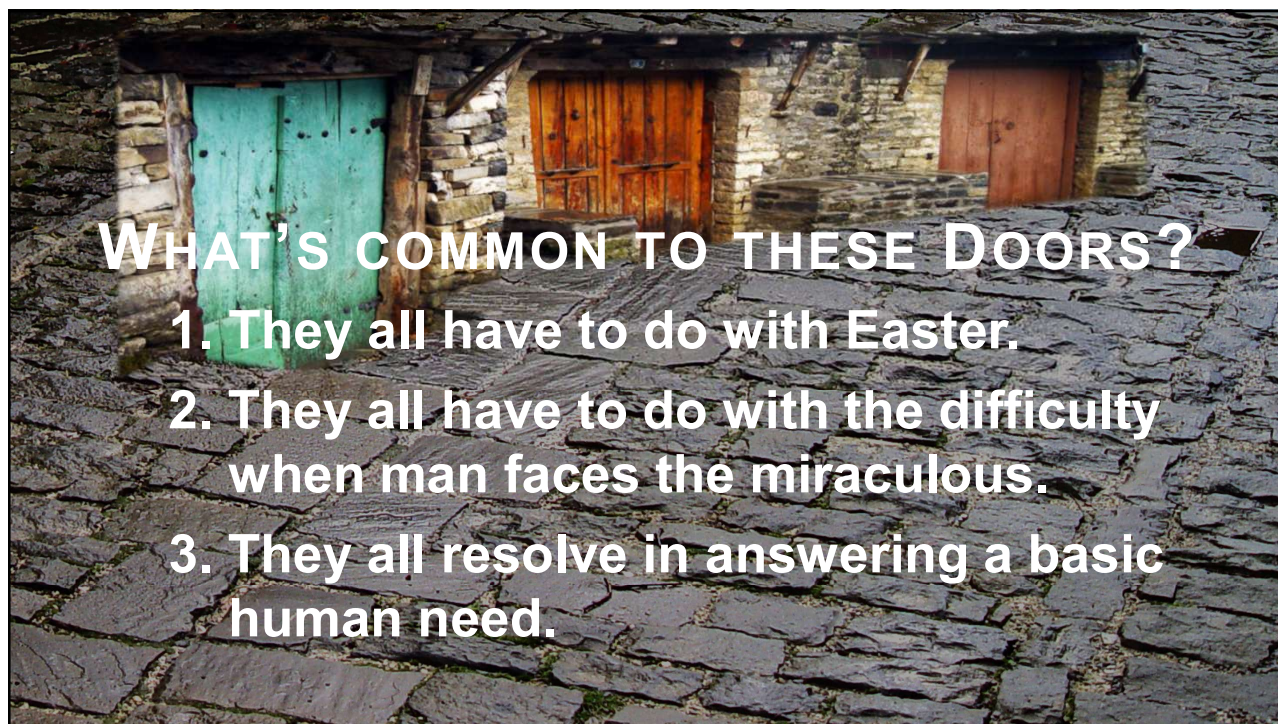
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John 20:6-10 (NKJV) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. ⁹For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

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WHAT'S COMMON TO THESE DOORS?

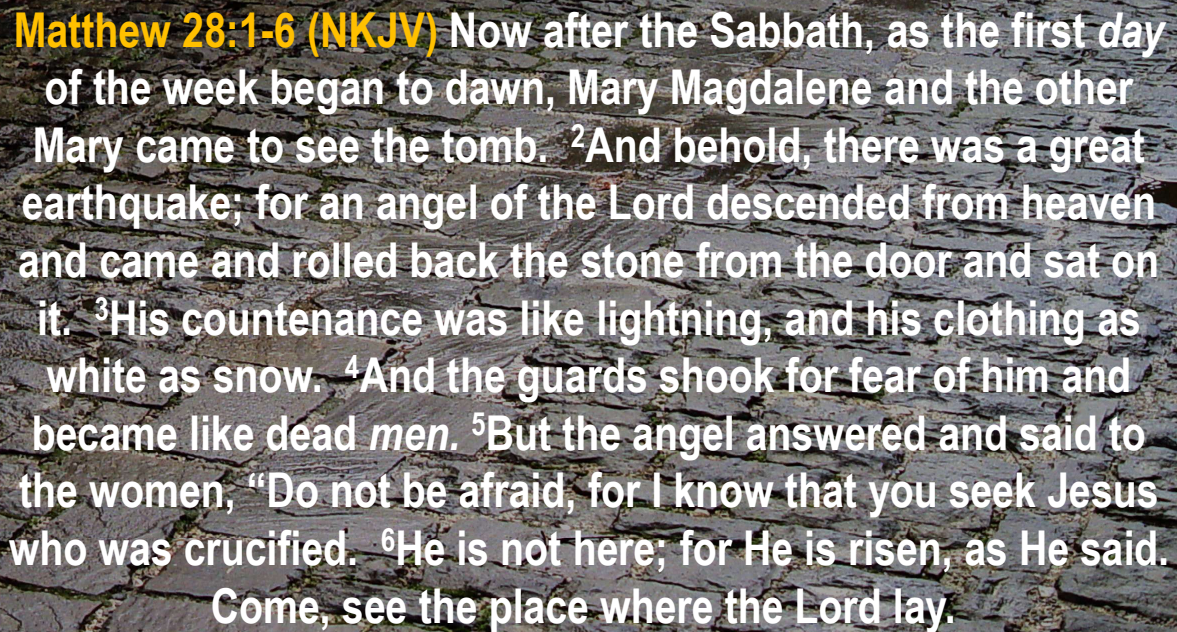
1. They all have to do with Easter.
2. They all have to do with the difficulty when man faces the miraculous.
3. They all resolve in answering a basic human need.

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1. THE SHAKEN DOOR

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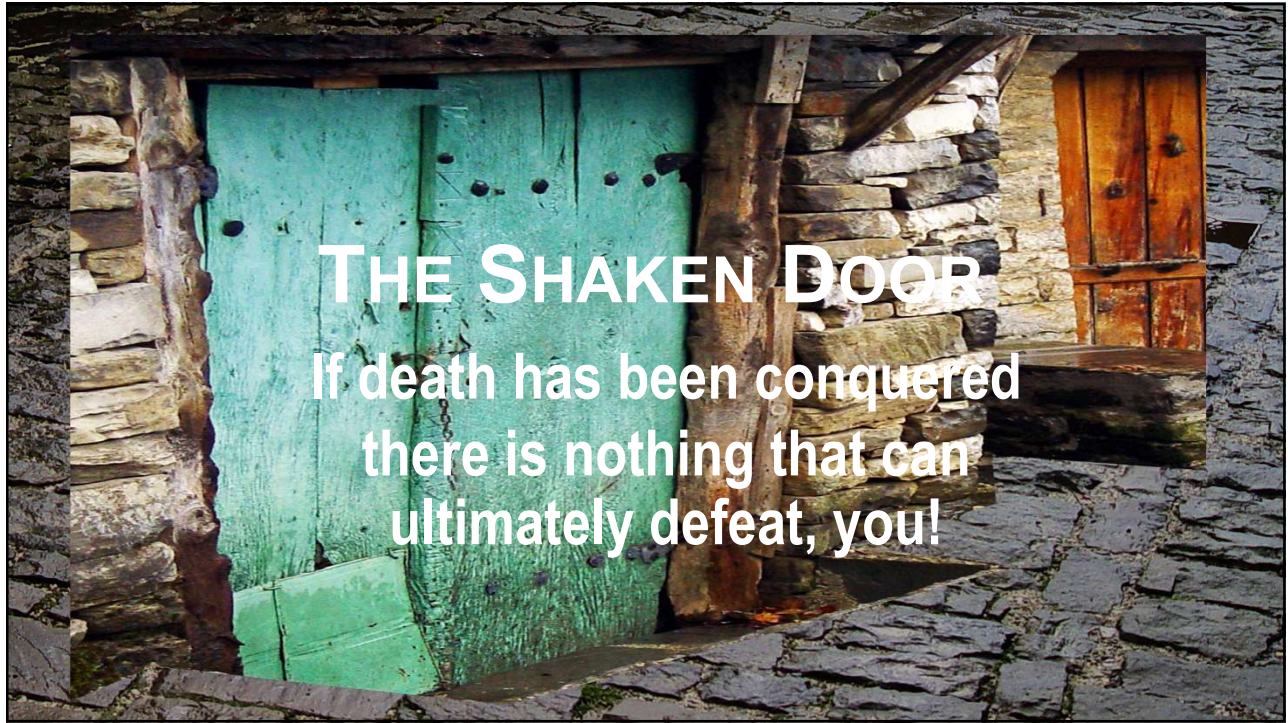
Matthew 28:1-6 (NKJV) Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it. ³His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴And the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead *men*. ⁵But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

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Matthew 28:2 (NKJV) ²And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended ...and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it.

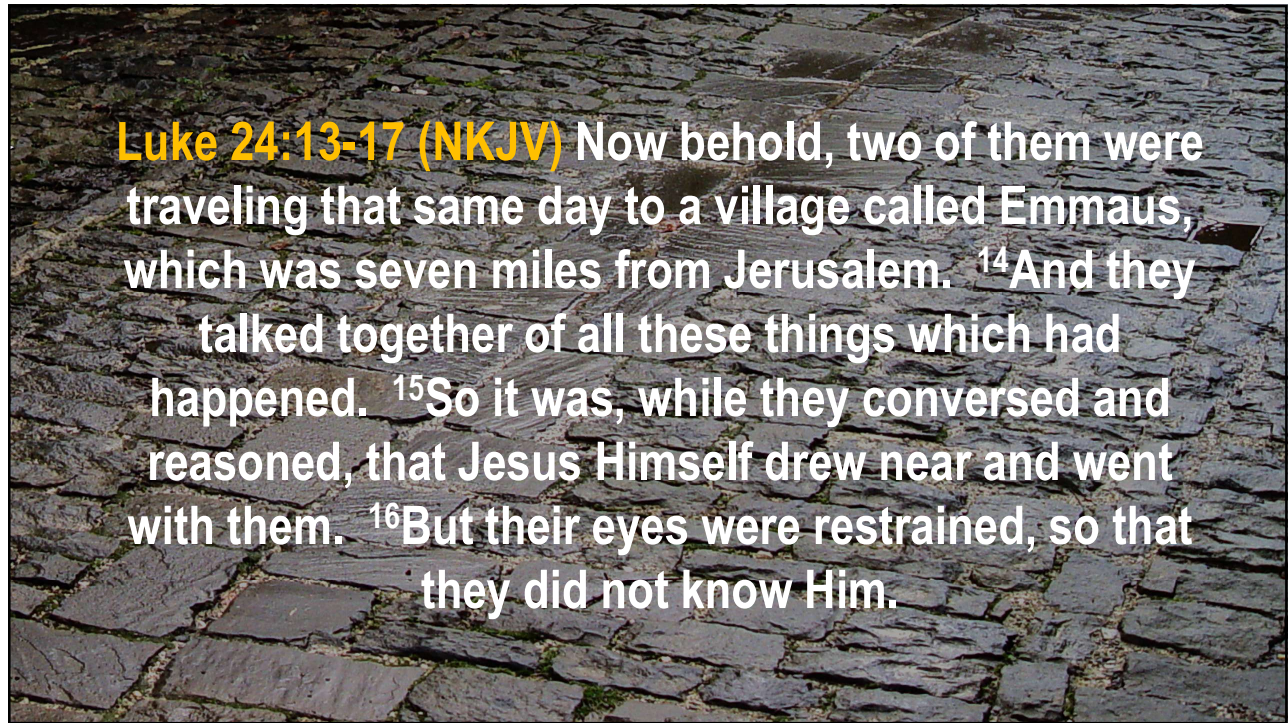
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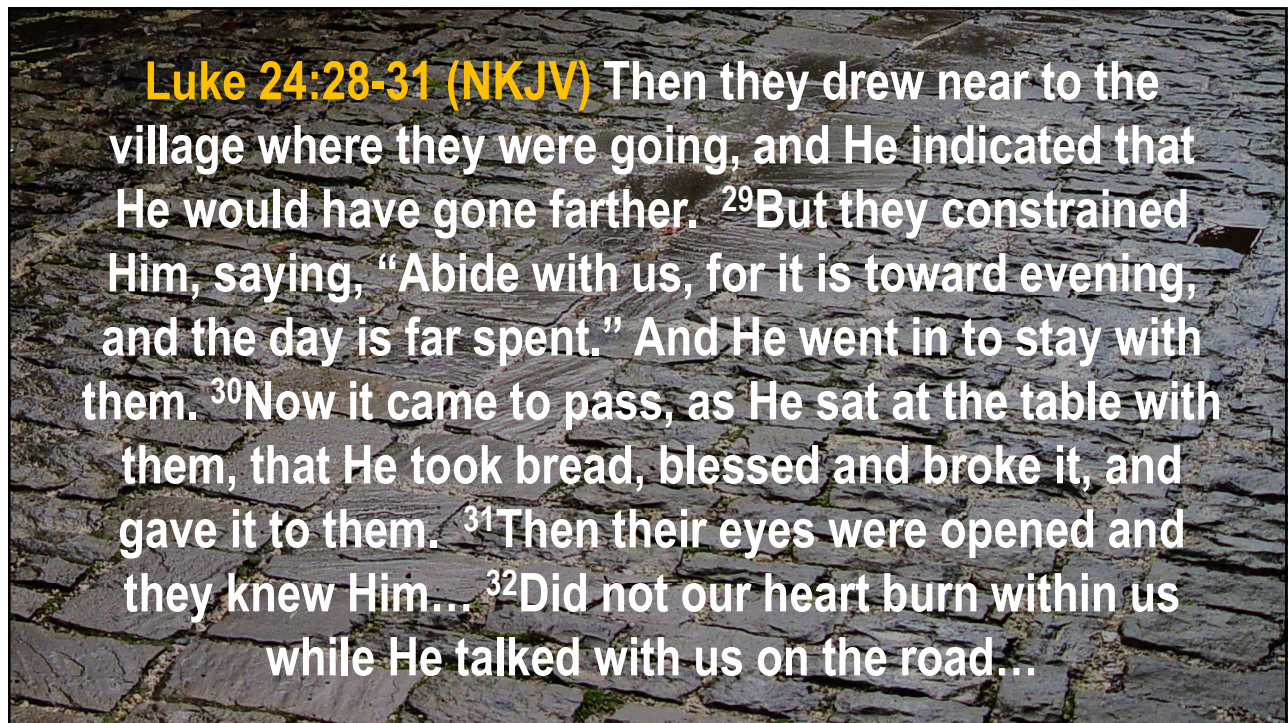


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Luke 24:13-17 (NKJV) Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they talked together of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

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Luke 24:28-31 (NKJV) Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. ²⁹But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. ³⁰Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him... ³²Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road...

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Luke 24:32 (NKJV) ³²Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road...

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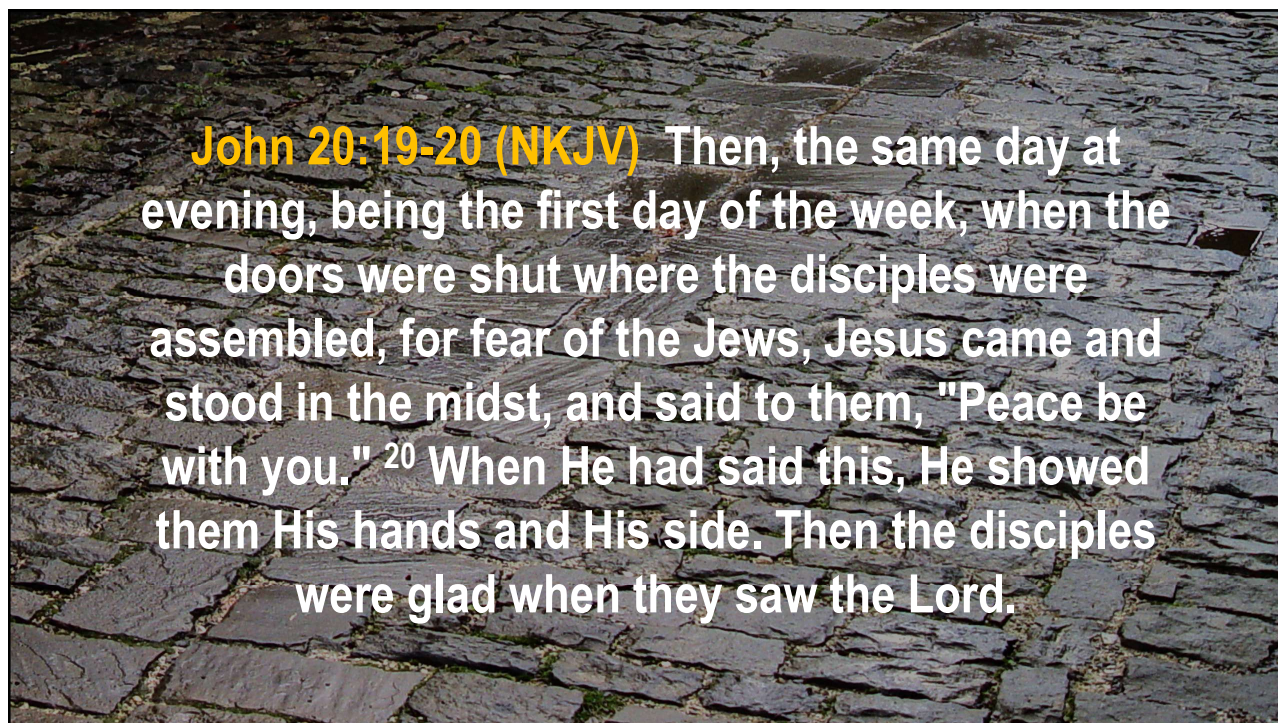


THE SHARED DOOR
When invited in, Jesus will answer to all you need!

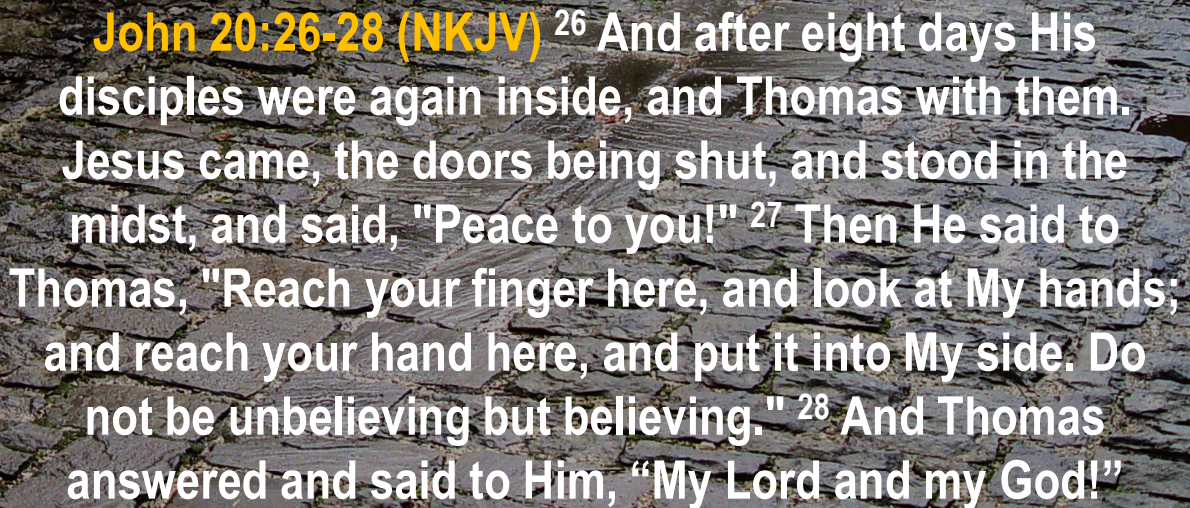
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John 20:26-28 (NKJV) ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving but believing." ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

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THE SHUT DOOR

- We possess an ability to close the door in the face of God's greatest promises
- Father God is committed to us even with doors shut. Father God keeps trying to move right in.

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