

# Reedy Fork Baptist Church

*Wednesday, April 8, 2026*

## BIBLE STUDY

**Theme: "The Power of the Resurrection"**

**SCRIPTURE IN RESPONSE: John 20:19-31**

**19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"**

**20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

**21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."**

**22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

**23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."**

**24** Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>Ⓜ</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

**25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"**

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

**26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"**

**27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

**28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"**

**29** Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.**

**31** *But these are written that you may believe<sup>Ⓜ</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

## I. Key Words:

- Power
- Resurrection
- Believed
- Fear
- Courage
- Unbelief
- Confidence
- Death
- Life

## II. People, Places, & Times:

- Jesus
- Disciple

## III. Background:

John 20:19-31 details the risen Jesus appearing to his frightened, locked-away disciples on Easter evening, bringing peace, commissioning them, and giving the Holy Spirit, followed by a second appearance a week later to address Thomas's doubt. It highlights Jesus's resurrected, bodily presence and culminates in the purpose of John's Gospel: to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and find life.

## IV. In Depth:

### 1. Lesson Emphasis: 1. From Fear to Courage (vs. 19-25).

- What is fear?
- What is Courage?
- How did the Lord transform His disciples fear into courage?
  - A. He Came to Them He met them where they were.
  - B. He Reassured Them,
  - C. He Commissioned Them, "As my father sent me, even so I send you!
  - D. He Enabled Them-through the Holy Spirit

