



Title: Jesus The Servant: Seeing And Believing.

Scripture: John 20:19-31

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BOTTOM LINE: Skepticism of Jesus will always cost you something.

Vs. 19

The same day at evening - It is still Sunday, but now it's the evening.

The doors were shut where the disciples were - The disciples just witnessed Jesus be crucified. They more than likely thought they were next.

The story was circulating that the disciples had stolen the body of Jesus while the guards were sleeping. - Mounce

Jesus came and stood in the midst - While we don't know how Jesus came in, we are simply to note that He was in their midst.

They may have expected a strong rebuke from the one they had deserted, but they instead received instead his forgiveness and blessing. - Mounce

There are two things we can note about Jesus:

1. No matter what you may have done in your life, you can't lock Jesus out.
2. No matter what we are going through, Jesus is in our midst.

Peace be with you- We are to be certain that the disciples thought it strange to see Jesus standing before them.

We can note that all of our troubles come to an end when we stand in the peace of the Lord.

He is the Lord and Giver of peace just as much now as He was then.- Spurgeon

Vs. 20

He showed them His hands and His side - From this, we are understand that Jesus still had the marks of His crucifixion. The site of these marks on the Lord's body would only provide further evidence that He has risen from the dead.

The disciples were glad - The disciples who were previously afraid of the religious leaders were now glad when they saw the Lord.

Vs. 21

Peace to you! - This time the disciples were glad to see Jesus. He offered a second greeting of peace.

As the Father has sent Me, I also send you - Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, Jesus now was sending them.

The mission of the church grows out of the mission of Christ.- Mounce

Jesus came here on a mission of redemption. We get to share that mission with the world.

Vs. 22

He breathed on them - Remember back in Genesis. God breathed life into Adam. Spiritually, when you are a born again believer you are made alive.

Receive the Holy Spirit - Jesus would breath on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.

It is better to understand this as a special empowerment of the Holy Spirit for the mission that the disciples were just assigned.-Mounce

Three workings of the Holy Spirit (John 14:17)

1. **"With"** - 'para' come along side; helper.
2. **"in"** - 'en' Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (John 20:22).
3. **"upon"** - 'epi' Comes upon you (Acts 1:8). Strengthens us.

The infilling of the Holy Spirit is required for effective ministry.

No man ever did or ever can preach the Gospel of God, so as to convince and convert sinners without it. - Clarke

Vs. 23

Only God can forgive sins. Man can only announce that sins are forgiven through Christ Jesus.

Vs. 24

Was not with them when Jesus came- We don't know for sure why Thomas was not with the other disciples. He has been called doubting Thomas. Perhaps he just wanted to be alone during this sorrowful time.

Vs. 25

Unless I see- Thomas wanted to see physical proof. He was adamant on seeing the proof; so much so that he tied his belief on it.

Vs. 26

And after eight days- One week passed before Jesus would come to them again. Notice that Thomas was now with them.

While the disciples rejoiced in the risen Lord, Thomas doubted for an entire week.

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Vs. 27- 28

My Lord and my God- Thomas stated some powerful words. This would be the strongest language used by any of the disciples (until now) to demonstrate that Jesus is God.

The combination of "Lord and God" would translate to Yahweh Elohim.

We can observe that Thomas calls Jesus his God, and Jesus did not correct him.

Vs. 29

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed- Thomas saw and believed. For those who simply come to Jesus by faith, the word says that we are blessed.

If physical seeing were necessary to convince people of the reality of the resurrection, the church would have faltered within the first year of its life. - Mounce

Vs. 30-31

That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God-We see theme of the book of John once more.

That believing you may have life- The result of believing in Christ is that you will have life. **Eternal life in Christ Jesus.**

Both the disciples and Thomas found peace eventually. It came after they found Jesus.

[Rom 5:1 NKJV] Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Discuss

Dig Deeper



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DO.

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. Why do you think the disciples were together in a room?
2. Why do you think Thomas was not with them (at first)?
3. What do you think they thought of when they saw Jesus appear to them for the first time? How might Jesus' greeting impact their mood?
4. Thomas moves from disbelief to belief after his encounter with Jesus. Was it wrong for Thomas to ask to see proof?
5. Vs. 29 says blessed are those who have not seen but yet believed. How does this impact us?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: **April 8th, 2018**

Joseph In A Pit (Genesis 37)

1. Today we were time travelers, going back in time to learn about a man named Joseph. His story is found in Genesis, the very first book of the Bible. If you could travel back in time, where would you go or what would you do?
2. In the story, we learned that Joseph's father gave him a very colorful coat to wear. Draw a picture of what you this coat looked like!
3. How do you think doing what is right can change what happens around us?
4. Let's work together as a family to learn the memory verse this week!

Memory Verse: Micah 6:8 (The Lord has told you what is good. He has told you what He wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly obeying your God)



