



John 20:19-23, *That Sunday evening, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said.²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”²² Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”*

I. God will take you from despair to joy!

John 20:19-23

2 Timothy 1:7, *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

John 20:24-25, *One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came.²⁵ They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won’t*

believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

II. God will take you from doubt to assurance!

John 20:24-29; Hebrews 10:23-25

Hebrews 10:23-25, *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.*

John 20:26-29, *Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”²⁸ “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”*

John 20:27, *Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.*

John 20:30-31, The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

III. God will take you from death to life! John 20:30-31

APPLY GOD's WORD:

- 1. Are you remaining in fellowship with other believers, even in difficult times?**
- 2. Are you struggling with doubt?**
- 3. Will you trust God's perfect track record?**
- 4. How is HE prompting you to respond today?**