

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Jesus and His Disciples
John 20:19-29
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The Disciples have been with Jesus 3 1/2 years.

THE FACTS

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:25-27 ESV

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer?

When the facts do not fit our conception of the truth we ignore the facts.

The two men on the road to Emmaus talked to Jesus but the Disciples doubted.

JESUS IN THE UPPER ROOM

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19-20 ESV

When they put these facts together with all that had been shared with them from the others, they saw it was Jesus. Finally.

THE MISSION

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

John 20:21 ESV

Now the Son is sending us with the message of salvation to tell the world that Jesus is the Savior.

The message is believe.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil."

John 3:16-19 ESV

So that is our mission. Introduce Jesus to the people God puts in your life and help them become fully devoted followers of Him.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20:22-23 ESV

We are responsible to share the good news. If we do not share the good news with them they may never hear and receive forgiveness of their sin. Once it is shared with them they are responsible for their decision.

THOMAS BELIEVES

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:28-29 ESV

JOHN'S PURPOSE IN WRITING

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31 ESV

So that you may believe.

The story must be told.