

## The Gospel of John: Light in the Darkness

Peace Be to You: The Sinner, The Denier, and The Doubter Meet the Resurrected Christ,  
John 20:11-29

John 20:28-29 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you now believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

Theme of the entire chapter. Here is the eyewitness and life transforming testimony. Blessed are those who believe because of these testimonies, without direct and similar resurrection encounter.

John 20:16-17 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

John 20:18 Mary Magdalene came and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

John 20:19 Now when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were together due to fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be to you."

Peace be to you...

John 20:20-21 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you; just as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Again, Peace be to you...but now in light of the resurrection  
Just as...Same message...Same authority...

John 20:22-23 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

Just as I also send you...receive the Holy Spirit

Forgive and retain sins of any

John 20:24-25 But Thomas, one of the twelve, who was called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he

said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

John 20:26 Eight days later His disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be to you."

John 20:27-29 Then He said to Thomas, "Place your finger here, and see My hands; and take your hand and put it into My side; and do not continue in disbelief, but be a believer." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you now believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

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