

Lesson 59 John 20:19-31 The Resurrected Christ: Seeing and Believing

Pray: Before you begin lift your heart to God and ask for the Spirit's help as you read the passage and work through these questions in His divine presence and you certainly will be given understanding.

Background:

"Peace be with you" was a standard Jewish greeting meant to communicate peace to the person being greeted.

"Hands" would include one's wrists where presumably the nails would have been driven.

The Holy Spirit was only given by God in the Old Testament.

Key Words or Phrases:

"saw" Strong's G3708 - "horao" To discern clearly,; implying not the mere act of seeing, but the actual perception of some object or person.

"believe" Strong's G4100 - "pisteuo" To have faith in, to entrust (especially one's spiritual well being to Christ), to commit (John uses this Greek word for believe throughout His gospel.)

Read John 20:19-31

1. Having read through the entire passage (20:19-31) , what do you learn about the resurrected Jesus?

Application: Pick one fact that you learned about the resurrected Jesus.. How can knowing this make a difference in your life?

2. The disciples were huddled in a locked room, fearful of the Jews. What happened in John 20:19-20 to change their fear to rejoicing? What word do you perceive to be the key word in John 20:20 and why is it important?

Application: Can you share how you first perceived that Jesus Christ was who He says He is ; a living, resurrected savior, the Christ, The Son of God? How did you feel?

3. We read in John 20:21 that Jesus was sending them as He had been sent by the Father. Can you explain this further using John 17:18 and Matthew 28:18-20?

4. Besides the commission what else did Jesus give them? John 20:21-22?

Application: We are also disciples of Jesus. How are you fulfilling this great commission in your life?

5. Thomas needed more proof. He would not take the word of the disciples. How does Jesus meet Thomas' needs? (20:24-27) How can this be an encouragement to you when you doubt?

6. Jesus commanded Thomas to be believing and not unbelieving. How does Thomas' answer show he believed?

Application: Thomas' declaration should be the declaration of every believer. How do you honor God as God in your life? Is He Lord over every area of your life? If not, what area do need to surrender to His Lordship?

7. In 20:29 Jesus said, "Blessed are those who did not see and yet believed." Can you relate that to John's stated purpose of His gospel in 20:30-31.