

EASTER 2026: THE MEANING OF IT ALL

The Risen Lord **John 20.19-31**

1. Why do you think Thomas wasn't with the rest of the disciples when Jesus first appeared to them?
2. What does John want us to believe from this passage? From his Gospel?
3. Of all the things Jesus must have said, why does John record "Peace be with you" three times? How does this relate to their fears? To their being sent?
4. Do you think Thomas doubted that Jesus was alive or was he simply asking for proof? What is significant about the way Thomas responds to Jesus?
5. What two things does authentic belief include?
6. How does a person confess that Jesus is Lord?
7. What is the difference between someone who is committed to following Jesus and someone who only wants to affiliate with Jesus?
8. How does the way Jesus was sent (v21-23) provide us with a pattern for living on mission?
9. Do you spend time pursuing people who don't know Jesus? What might look different if you modeled your evangelism after Jesus?
10. Do you believe God wants to bless your life thru Jesus? In what areas is this hardest to believe?