

Stop doubting and believe... blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Jesus

The transformation of the disciples is the greatest single evidence of all for the reality of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

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Sermon Outline:

1/ Jesus found them in Fear - He left them in Peace. (20:19, 21, 26)

2/ Jesus found them in Grief - He left them in Joy. (20:20)

3/ Jesus found them in Doubt - He left them Believing. (20:27 - 29)

4/ Jesus found them in Secret - He left them as Sent-Ones! (20:21)

Questions for Reflection / Discussion:

i. The resurrection of Christ from the dead is the greatest 'sign' that is given for us to believe. This is the purpose for John's writing (20:31). What hinges on this sign being true and what would it mean to your faith if it were not true?

Questions for Reflection:

... vs. 29 is specifically for us who did not have the privilege of seeing the resurrected Lord in bodily form. Should our faith be different than the Apostles who saw Jesus? Do you believe our intimacy with Christ can be as deep as theirs, or even deeper?



The Risen Lord (John 20)

Scripture Study Notes: Week Twenty

Key Verses: 20:10-18, 26-29

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father.

Go instead to my brothers and tell them,

'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

John 20:17

The Empty Tomb (John 20:1-10)

Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord (John 20:11-18)

The Disciples Commissioned (John 20:19-23)

Thomas Sees and Believes (John 20:24-29)

The Purpose of This Gospel (John 20:30-31)

Personal Prayer Points from this Passage:

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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