

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 20 PT. 2: Jesus Among His Disciples

Introduction: We enter **Part 2 of John 20**, when the Disciples are about to have their own post-Resurrection encounter with Jesus.

John 20:19-31

Verse 19

John 20:19 (NASB) - ¹⁹Now 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.**”



- It would be easy and obvious to point out the failures of the Disciples.
- But what Holy Spirit pointed out to me was not the actions of the Disciples.
- Holy Spirit had me to focus in on the Mercy of Jesus.
- Jesus revealed Himself to the ones He knew needed to see Him.

Note: It's important to highlight His first words to His Disciples.

“Peace *be* to you”

Peace-(Greek)-*eirene*-probably from a primary verb εἰρῶ εἰρῶ (to join); peace (literally or figuratively); by implication, prosperity, be one, peace, **quietness**, rest, **set at one again**.

Question: Why these words, “**Peace to you**”?

Answer: Scripture tells us why - “**Fear of the Jews**”.

Fear-(Greek)-*phobos*-fear, dread, that which strikes terror.

Key: This is not just afraid, they are terrified!

Verses 20-21

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



Key: Jesus repeats the words of comfort to His Disciples again, “**Peace *be* to you**”. He knows they were in disbelief and shock!

My Personal Encounter: Dr. Anita in 1999; One Encounter Changed My Life!

My Commissioning: “Go get my daughters” and “Feed My Flock!”

REVELATION IN VERSE 21: HE GAVE THEM A COMMISSION!

“just as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

The Great Commission to All Disciples of Jesus Christ:

Matthew 28:19-20 (AMP) - ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [**help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words**], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age.”

Commission—(etymological)-a commissioning, sending together/bringing together.

Verses 22-23

John 20:22-23 (NASB) - ²² 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, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained.”



Understanding: We do not need to blow on people for the Holy Spirit to come inside of them; we **ONLY** need to witness of Jesus Christ and upon Salvation the Holy Spirit comes into them!

Verse 23 Highlight: “If you forgive the sins”

NOTE: Only G-d possesses the inherent power to forgive sins!

- Jesus was letting the Disciples know that they are granted the power to pronounce forgiveness conditionally.
- This Forgiveness is contingent upon a person's faith and repentance in Christ.
- The act of "remitting" (**forgiving**) or "retaining" (**withholding**) sins is carried out by preaching the Gospel.

Understanding: When ministers accurately preach the Word, they assure repentant believers that their sins are forgiven by G-d, while warning the unrepentant that their sins are retained and they remain condemned.

Verses 24-25

John 20:24-25 (NASB) - ²⁴ But Thomas, one of the twelve, who was called Didymus, **was not with them when Jesus came.** ²⁵ 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.”

Question: Was Thomas really Doubting?

Answer: Not really! He was just asking for what the others were freely given.

- Thomas is not doubting Jesus.
- He is doubting what they have seen.
- Remember they said, **“We have seen the Lord!”**
- Thomas, unlike them, does not have Jesus in front of him; at least not yet!

Verses 26-27

John 20:26-27 (NASB) - 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.” ²⁷ 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.”**



Note: Thomas was not an unbeliever of Jesus. He was an unbeliever of the Resurrection, just as they all were!

Walking By Faith Not By Sight

Verses 28-29

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

Understanding: Jesus is introducing Salvation Through Faith in His Words alone!

Ephesians 2:8 (AMP) – ⁸ For it is by grace [God’s remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith.

Question: How do you get this “faith”?

Romans 10:17 (AMP) – ¹⁷ So faith *comes* from hearing [what is told], and what is heard *comes* by the [preaching of the] message concerning Christ.

Romans 10:17 (KJV) – ¹⁷ So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Why This Gospel Was Written: John Gives His Motivation

Verses 30-31

John 20:30-31 (NASB) - ³⁰ So then, many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ **but these have been 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.

KEY: This is the Apostle John’s “**WHY**”! His motivation is pure!

- You may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of G-d.
- And...By believing you may have life in His name.

Note: When you have truly been impacted by Jesus, you cannot keep it to yourself!
BE A WITNESS! You don’t need a title for that!

Selah...

The End