

Lesson Twenty:

Jesus appears to Thomas: John 20:24—31 (P.323-324)

Do you consider yourself to be a skeptical person who needs to see something to believe it?

Lesson Questions:

1. Read John 18:15—18
John 18:25—27
Matthew 26:36-46
Matthew 26:56b

How do you think the disciples felt seeing Jesus, considering their actions the week before?

2. Did Jesus approach them in anger? How did He show that He was not angry? What greeting did He use three times? See John 14:27
3. To where, with what and for what did Jesus send his disciples?
4. Who only can forgive sins? What can we do, however?
5. In verse 31, what does John say was his purpose for writing this book?
6. How does believing give you life?

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Jesus say about skepticism in this text?
2. We have not physically seen Jesus yet how can we believe in Him? Read Romans 10:17 (P. 447).

For Personal Dedication

Lord of my life, I know that my life is not my own. By Your death and resurrection You made me Your own. Help me to live under Your direction, always ready to hear the call, “Follow Me”; always aware of Your presence; always knowing that I have received the gift of Your Spirit; always living so that others may receive Your love and mercy through me.

It is not easy to ask for these things, Lord, because I know I have much to give up. I can no longer pretend that my life is my own. My prayer is my surrender to Your care and direction. I want to follow, Lord, but it is very hard. I will get very tired. I will make selfish mistakes. I will fail time and again. I will fall.

Show me again that there is love and forgiveness and mercy in Your hand. Use me in spite of my unwillingness, doubt, and disobedience.

Pour into me Your good Spirit, so that I am not afraid to follow and fall and follow again.

Amen