John 20:19-31

New Living Translation

**Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

**19**That Sunday evening[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A19-31&version=NLT#fen-NLT-26852a)] the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. **20**As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! **21**Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” **22**Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23**If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

**Jesus Appears to Thomas**

**24**One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin),[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A19-31&version=NLT#fen-NLT-26857b)] was not with the others when Jesus came. **25**They told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

**26**Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,”he said. **27**Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

**28**“My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

**29**Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

**Purpose of the Book**

**30**The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. **31**But these are written so that you may continue to believe[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A19-31&version=NLT#fen-NLT-26864c)] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.