

Study Guide

John 20:19-23 – When Jesus Shows Up

My Story

1. Have you ever gotten locked out of your home, car, workplace, etc.? How did you end up getting in?

Digging Deeper

2. Of all the things Jesus must have said, why does John record "Peace be with you" two times (vv. 19+21)? How does this relate to their fears? To their being sent?

3. Compare Genesis 2:7 with John 20:22. What similarities and differences do you find?

4. Instead of explaining the Resurrection, on what did Jesus concentrate when He first appeared to the disciples? What does this say about Jesus' priorities?

Reflection

5. What has convinced you of the reality of the risen Christ? How would you explain the reason for your faith to a nonbeliever?

6. Where could you use Jesus' "peace" right now: In some relationship? In some inner fear? In your work? Somewhere else?

Taking the Next Step

The past year has largely kept us behind closed doors. Take time this week to get out – go for a walk, a drive, or just go sit in your backyard. Then pray – thank God for His peace, and pray for others who need it as well.

Praises / Prayer Requests

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