

SEEING & BELIEVING LIFE IN A NEW ERA

JOHN 20:19-29

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. Fight		John 20:19–29 (ESV) 19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked
	(vv. 19-21, 26)	where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 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, they are forgiver them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen
2. Live		the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless
	(vv. 21-23)	I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe. 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
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(vv. 24-29)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. **Read John 14:27.** What are some specific fears or troubles that trusting a living Savior will help you fight this week? How does the reality of the resurrection impact the way you view those fears?
- 2. **Read Luke 10:2**. What are some of the things that cause you to lose a sense of urgency and burden for the many lost souls around us and all over the world? How can we maintain urgency and earnestness in our prayers?
- 3. **Read John 16:7-11.** What are some of the ways the promise and presence of the Holy Spirit encourages you in the daunting task of reaching the world with the news of the rescue available through Christ?
- 4. **Read John 20:25**. Thomas demanded to see the risen Christ for himself. What are some of the "demands" people today will make as an excuse for their unbelief? How can we help them work past these?
- 5. **Read 1 Peter 1:8-9.** How have you experienced what these verses speak of regarding the love and joy that come in a relationship with a Savior you have never seen? How can you experience more of this love and joy?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/ author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

DeYoung, Kevin and Greg Gilbert. What is the Mission of the Church? Crossway, 2011.

Piper, John. Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ. Crossway, 2004.

Ezekiel 37

Stiles, Mack. Evangelism. Crossway, 2014.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would enjoy the peace that comes from knowing a risen Savior!

Pray that we would have a burden to rescue those that are lost. Pray that God would strengthen our faith and worship.

Praise God by giving thanks to him this week.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

John 11:45-57

Revelation 3:14-22

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING Date O.T. **Psalms** Gospels N.T. Ezekiel 25-27 11/22 Psalm 132:1-10 John 10:31-42 Revelation 1:1-8 11/23 Fzekiel 28-29 Psalm 132:11-18 John 11:1-16 Revelation 1:9-20 11/24 Ezekiel 30-32 Psalm 133 John 11:17-27 Revelation 2:1-11 11/25 Ezekiel 33 Psalm 134 John 11:28-37 Revelation 2:12-29 11/26 Ezekiel 34-36 Psalm 135:1-7 John 11:38-44 Revelation 3:1-13

Psalm 135:8-14