

John 20:19-31 Jesus Risen Lord

1. Why doesn't death and eternity get discussed much in the world given that it is such a big issue for humanity?

Read John 20:19-23

1. What is the purpose of Jesus showing "His hands and side" (verses 20, 25 & 27)? Why is that important for the disciples to see?
2. How does John show that the resurrection of Jesus was a historical event?
3. Why did the disciples have all the doors locked (verse 19 & 26), and what change has taken place in them by the time of the events of Acts 3 (see Acts 4:18-22 & 5:40-42)? What do you think changes them?
4. In chapter 20, what do you notice about the resurrected Jesus (see 20:6-8, 14, 19-20, 26-27 and compare also with Luke 24:16, 41-43)?
5. Jesus resurrection body is hard to understand. How does 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 explain it?
6. Of all the things that Jesus must have said, why does John record on three occasions (verses 19, 21 & 26) "Peace be with you"? (Also see John 14:27 & 16:33.

7. What do verses 21-23 tell us about the mission Jesus has given to those who follow Him?

8. In what sense has the Holy Spirit equipped you to bring the message of forgiveness to others?

Read John 20:24-31.

9. It is only when Thomas sees Jesus physically risen that he can say, "My Lord and my God!" What does Jesus say about people who have not seen him physically (verse 29)?
10. Those who are not yet Christians often say "If I could see then I'd believe." How do you answer them?
11. Why do you think John calls Jesus' miracles "miraculous signs"? What is the purpose of a sign?
12. Why does John say he has written his gospel? How is it that people can receive life, and what sort of life is it?

Think

13. In the light of verse 21-23, why is it important to seek to speak about Jesus?

Pray for the spread of the gospel over Easter and especially all who heard the gospel