

Appearance to the Disciples – Thomas Present

John 20:26-31

Appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection:

1. Mary at the tomb – John 20:11-18
2. Woman leaving the tomb – Matt. 28:9-10
3. Two followers on the road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-32
4. Peter – Luke 24:34
5. 10 of the 11 disciples – no Thomas – John 20:19-25

The disciples _____ really believed in a physical, bodily resurrection of Jesus. It was not until He stood before them, showed them His hands, feet, and side, and took food and ate did they believe. Thomas will be no _____. He vowed unbelief until he too would see and handle Jesus. Jesus obliged.

I. Jesus Came to Them Again

“And after _____ days _____ his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the _____, and said, Peace be unto you. _____ saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless (Gk - _____), but believing.” John 20:26-27

“and after eight days again his disciples were within,” –

Same:

Different:

“Then saith he to Thomas,” –

“be not faithless, but believing.” –

II. Thomas' Great Confession and Jesus' Blessing

“And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, _____ thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: _____ are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” John 20:28-29

“My Lord and my God” –

“because thou hast seen me, though hast believed:” –

“blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” –

III. John's Conclusion to his Gospel

“And many _____ signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But _____ are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the _____, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” John 20:30-31

“And many other signs truly did Jesus” –

“But these” –

John's Purpose for Writing his Gospel:

- believe that Jesus is the Messiah –

- believe that Jesus is the Son of God –

- life in Christ –

III. Believer's Application:

1. According to Jesus, what was Thomas' main problem? How did Jesus help Thomas? When we have the same issue as Thomas, how does Christ help us conquer it?

2. Because Thomas was not with his fellow disciples, he missed out on the first appearance of Christ. We can also miss out on spiritual blessings when we are not with fellow believers. Good reminder!