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John 20:19-23 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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John 20:19-23

- ▀ The disciples remained behind locked doors for fear of being arrested or possibly crucified. What changed their fear to boldness?
- ▀ How did Jesus give the disciples assurance?
- ▀ What is the first message Jesus gives to the disciples?

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John 20:19-23

- ▀ What does it mean as the Father sent Me, I send you?
- ▀ Is the breath of Jesus here to receive the Holy Spirit the same as the Holy Spirit in Acts 2?
- ▀ Did the Apostles and do some believers now have the power to forgive sins?
- ▀ What is the meaning of "My Lord and my God!" expressed by Thomas?

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**John 20:24-29** Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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**John 20:24-29**

- If Thomas had not been at the crucifixion, how did he know about the wound in Jesus' side?
- What amazing thing occurred during Jesus' interaction with Thomas?
- What is the purpose of recording Thomas' unbelief?

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**John 20:30-31** And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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John  
20:30-31

- ▶ Why did God send Jesus to earth?
- ▶ Why does John say that Jesus performed signs and not miracles?
- ▶ What 7 miracles were written about by John as signs?
- ▶ What is the purpose of these signs?

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# Wrap Up

Any further comments?  
Closing prayer.

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