



**04.08.18 - The Resurrected Jesus**

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1.) Have you ever tried teaching something to someone and they simply did not get it? How did that make you feel? How did you handle it?

**Read John 20:19-31**

2.) Jesus has risen from the dead. His disciples have heard the good news and some have even seen the empty tomb. What do Jesus' disciples do that first evening? Do you think this is what Jesus was expecting or wanting them to do?

3.) John records that Jesus gave his peace twice to the disciples on this same evening. Why do you think Jesus thought it was important for his disciples to have his peace?

4.) Thomas was absent that first evening. What do you make of his prerequisites for belief: seeing and touching Jesus' wounds?

5.) Jesus finds the disciples behind locked doors once again a week later. Although he must be at least somewhat disappointed, how does he address the issue with the disciples?

6.) Read again Jesus' encounter with Thomas (vv.27-29). How does Jesus approach and handle the unbelieving Thomas?

7.) What solution to Thomas' disbelief does Jesus offer? Is Thomas passive or active in his belief/disbelief of Jesus' resurrection?

8.) What if Jesus, instead of treating Thomas with grace, had decided to scold him for his disbelief? What if Jesus had demanded faith from Thomas and refused to show him the scars? Would Thomas have believed?

## **Application**

9.) Focus for a moment on this gracious picture of Jesus with Thomas. Is that the image of Jesus that the Church gives to the world? Is it the image of Jesus you are giving to the world? In what ways might you need to adjust your approach with others in order to show the world the same grace Jesus does with Thomas?