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John 14:5–6; John 20:19–31

John 20:19–31 (NASB95)

Jesus among His Disciples

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20And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21So Jesus said to them again, "*Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.*"

22And 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, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.*"

24But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

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and said, "Peace *be* with you."

27Then He *said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

28Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29Jesus *said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed *are* they who did not see, and yet believed."

30Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Powerful encounter with God. Baptized in the Holy Ghost.

Figured other people needed a powerful encounter. But they didn't grow.

They weren't submitting to discipleship. They never made Jesus the Lord of their life.

Sunday after Easter starting a new message series.

Jesus has risen. What's next for the disciples.

What's next for you?

The Life.

Not just waiting to get sucked up. God has a growth track for your life

The way of following Jesus. It is all over the New Testament.

The theologian Amos young wrote this,

We learn in the gospel of John that faith is not simply a matter of holding true beliefs or assenting to precise doctrines, as important as that may be; it also includes faithful affections, longings, and trust, as well as faithful willingness to enter into life giving activity of Jesus. Being a disciple is a holistic abiding in Christ such that his life flows fruitfully through a person's patterns of mind, heart, and body.

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John 14:5–6 (NASB95)

5Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

6Jesus *said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**"

The way of Jesus is the way of life

New season new day, day new direction

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Regular encounters with God

Living a life of hopeful expectation

Worship

Fellowship

Prayer

Study

We need to learn the way of Jesus

Counter Cultural Spiritual Formation

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Jesus teaches the way of the kingdom.

It's not of this world.

We need to learn how to see the invisible kingdom of god

His mind had not been renewed. He still trapped by the ways of the world.

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Jesus seems to make a distinction between salvation and discipleship. Salvation is open to all who will come by faith, while discipleship is for believers willing to pay a price. Salvation means coming to the cross and trusting Jesus Christ, while discipleship means carrying the cross and following Jesus Christ.

Warren W. Wiersbe

Discipleship

Bible Study

Choosing love

Serving your neighbor

Sacrificial Mission

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Why This Gospel Was Written

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John wrote His Gospel to further the Mission

Sharing the Life

Live generously

Serve your community

Resist greed

Disciples of Jesus.

Serving one another