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Series: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ!
Title: Belief Brings Blessing
Text: John 20:19-31



INTRODUCTION

I. BELIEF BRINGS BLESSING

John 20:19 -

1) Three times in this passage, Jesus proclaims peace to His disciples! Jesus meets them in their doubts and fears bringing the very grace and peace He died to give.

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.” (Psalm 56:3)

*“For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.”
(Colossians 1:19-20)*

“...the Gospel of peace...” (Ephesians 6:15)

John 20:20-23 -

2) Jesus prepares, commissions, and empowers His disciples to continue His work!

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Note: Jesus’ followers are sent out and empowered to proclaim peace and forgiveness of sins IN JESUS’ NAME, grounded in HIS saving work!

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:5)

John 20:24-27 -

3) Everything Jesus says to Thomas here is a command, calling him to resolute, active, living faith!

Note: Jesus demonstrates perfect kindness, grace, and patience with Thomas.

“Thomas answered Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” (John 20:28)

John 20:29-31 -

4) BELIEF BRINGS BLESSING!!!

(John 1:12; John 3:16; John 3:36; John 6:35; John 6:40)

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. What is the first thing Jesus says each time He appears in John 20:19-31? Why?
2. What mission does Jesus give to His disciples? How do we help to accomplish it?
3. Why do you think Thomas was so resistant to believe that Jesus was alive? What information and revelation was he overlooking, rejecting, and ignoring?
4. What does Jesus say about belief and blessing? What blessings come from believing?
5. How would you evaluate your own personal walk with Jesus? Are you defiant and dismissive or faithful, humble, and joyful? What step(s) do you think Jesus would want you to take today?