

Jesus Appears (based on John 20:19-31)

It was the evening of the same day that the women had found the empty tomb. Jesus' disciples and friends were locked in a house. They were afraid that the soldiers would come looking for them. They were sitting around quietly when Jesus appeared in the room, but no one had opened the door.

"Peace be with you," said Jesus. No one spoke. Could this really be Jesus? Then he showed everyone his hands where he had been nailed to the cross.

When Jesus' friends saw that this really was Jesus, they were filled with joy. They crowded around him. Everyone wanted to greet him.

Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you." As he said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit. Anyone you forgive, their sins will be forgiven."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, was not in the room with them when this happened. When he returned, they said, "Jesus was here. We have seen him."

Thomas looked at his friends, and said, "Unless I see the scars on his hands myself, I cannot believe what you tell me."

A week later, they were all gathered in the house again, Thomas too. The doors were shut. Again Jesus appeared with them, though no one had opened a door. "Peace be with you," Jesus said. Then he went to Thomas and Jesus showed him the scars on his hands. Thomas believed now and said, "My Lord and my God!"

"Do you believe because you see me?" asked Jesus. "Happy are those who don't see but still believe."



Peace Be with You

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