

“Peace, Joy and Forgiveness in the Risen Lord”
John 20:19-31

Intro: Have you ever missed an event or opportunity?

- I. Thomas missed Jesus’ first upper-room appearance.
 - a. The doors were locked for fear of Jewish leaders.
 - b. None of them had believed the women’s testimony.
 - c. Jesus’ sudden appearance defied the laws of physics.

- II. Jesus’ greeting and appearance.
 - a. “Peace be with you!”
 - b. Identified by his scars.
 - c. He was fulfilling his prophecy and promise.

- III. The Upper Room Discourse: John chapters 13-17.
 - a. John 14:27 and 16:33—Peace in Jesus’ presence.
 - b. John 16:20—Joy at the sight of Jesus.
 - c. Jesus was sent from the Father.

Close: After the resurrection, Jesus’ mission was just getting started. Everyone needs to hear the message of forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.