

# **“What Thomas Missed....”**

Lesson Text: **John 20:19-24.**

## **I. Thomas Missed The Comfort Of Friends In Time Of Trouble.**

- **Vs. 19**, *“the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews.”* (NKJB)
- William Barclay’s Comments On Verse 19. (The Gospel Of John, Volume 2, Pg. 317).
- Close, Personal Friends Help Us In Times Like These...
- Bear One Another’s Burdens- **Galatians 6:2.**
- Times Of Trouble Are When We Need The Lord The Most! One Can Run To Or Away?
- A Comfort To Be Among The Lord’s People In Times Of Trouble, Yet Some Are Not Here.
- Like Thomas Missed Out, We Can Too By Failing To Be Here As We Should.

## **II. Thomas Missed The Lord’s Blessing Of Peace.**

- **Vs. 19**, *“Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.”* (NKJB).
- Peace Where? **Acts 9:31; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:3.**
- There Is Peace From The World’s Troubles Among God’s People- **John 16:33.**
- When Our Heart & Mind Is Engaged In Worship, We Forget Our Cares...
- Yet, Like Thomas Missed Out—Some Are Not Here For Christ’s Peace.

## **III. Thomas Missed The Strengthening Of His Faith.**

- The Disciples Hopes Had Weakened When Christ Died (**John 20:11-18; Luke 24:17-21**).
- **Vs. 20**, *“.....Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.”* (NKJB).
- Thomas’ Statement: **Vs. 24-25.** Thomas’ Faith Verified: **Vs. 26-29.**
- But If Thomas Had Been In His Place With The Others, He Would Have Never Said **vs.25.**
- Faith Can Be Strengthened— **Mark 9:24; Jude 20; Acts 18:23.**
- We Can Miss Out Like Thomas In Staying Away From Being With The Lord (**Matthew 18:20**).

## **IV. Thomas Missed The Special Blessing Of The Holy Spirit.**

- **Vs. 22**, *“And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”*
- **Vs. 24**, *“Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.”*
- Thomas Would Receive The Holy Spirit At Pentecost- **Acts 1:8; Acts 2:14-16.**
- This Was A Promise To The Twelve Apostles— As They Needed Guidance- **John 14:26.**
- Today, Christians Are To Let God’s Word Dwell In Us- **Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:18-19.**
- **Acts 20:32.**
- We Need To Be Present For Not Only Sunday Morning, But Wednesday Night Bible Studies Too.