

The **Good News** that John Wrote

***...that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, and that believing you
may have life in his name.***

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

John 20.19-31

John 20.19

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said.

John 20.20

After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord.

John 20.21

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.



John 20.22

Then he breathed on them
and said, “Receive the Holy
Spirit.

John 20.23

If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

John 20.24

One of the twelve disciples,
Thomas (called the Twin), was
not with them when Jesus
came.

John 20.25

So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” Thomas said to them, “Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

John 20.26

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

John 20.27

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!”

John 20.28

**Thomas answered him, “My
Lord and my God!”**

John 20.29

Jesus said to him, “Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!”

John 20.30

**In his disciples' presence
Jesus performed many other
miracles which are not written
down in this book.**

John 20.31

But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

1 John 1.1

We write to you about the Word of life, which has existed from the very beginning. We have heard it, and we have seen it with our eyes; yes, we have seen it, and our hands have touched it.

1 John 1.2

When this life became visible,
we saw it; so we speak of it
and tell you about the eternal
life which was with the Father
and was made known to us.

1 John 1.3

What we have seen and heard
we announce to you also, so
that you will join with us in the
fellowship that we have with the
Father and with his Son Jesus
Christ.

1 John 1.4

We write this in order that our joy may be complete.

Questions?
Comments?