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# Jesus' Appearance With the Eleven Without Thomas

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## **Lesson 3: John 20:19-22**

<sup>19</sup> Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.**

<sup>20</sup> And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Then said Jesus to them again, **Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **Receive ye the Holy Ghost:**





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To understand the significance of Jesus showing himself without Thomas, consider these points:

**Demonstrates Faith:** Jesus emphasizes the importance of believing without seeing.

**Reinforces Discipleship:** The appearance strengthens the faith of the other disciples.

**Foreshadows Future Belief:** Highlights the future belief of those who will come to faith without physical evidence.

**Encourages Personal Faith:** Challenges individuals to cultivate their own faith journey.

**Sets the Stage for Thomas:** Prepares for Thomas's eventual encounter and declaration of faith.

**Affirms Jesus' Resurrection:** Confirms the reality of the resurrection to those present.

Lesson 3: John 20:23-25

<sup>23</sup> Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

**Didymus means** John's Gospel mentions in three passages that Thomas was called the Twin (John 11:16; 20:24; 21:2). The Greek name Thōmas is a transliteration of an Aramaic word (te'oma), meaning The Bible does not name Thomas's twin. The best we can do is speculate. Some believe that Thomas and Matthew may have been twins because their names often appear together in biblical lists of the disciples (see Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15).