

15-Apr-2022 | Discussion Questions
The Resurrection. What if it's Real? | Pr Mark Tan

Read John 20:19-23

1. What stands out to you or speaks to you from that passage?
2. In his post-resurrection state, Jesus is often described as having some sort of a new, superhuman existence, where he can "appear" in locked rooms, yet still have a physical presence (e.g. eating Luke 24:42-43). Yet even before his resurrection he could do physically impossible things, like walking on water. How different do you think Jesus' state was after his resurrection, compared to normal human existence?
3. Verses 21-22 are very significant, because they begin to shape the answer to "what comes next," after the story John is telling ends. What do these passages tell us about how the story of "the Word who became flesh" continues after he ascends back to heaven?
4. What do you think v. 23 means? (Excerpt from commentary included on back page)

Read John 20:24-31

5. How does this passage treat the relationship between doubt and faith?
6. To this point in the gospel of John, there has been a lot of emphasis on "seeing and believing." How does v. 29-31 signal a significant shift in how Jesus is to be related to? What is faith in Jesus based on now, rather than "seeing" personally?

Personal Application

- A. In what ways do you personally sense you have been sent into the world to continue the mission of Jesus?
- B. How can you depend more fully on the Spirit's empowerment in day to day life? How are doubt and faith at work in your life? What do you need from Jesus to help you believe?