

**HAPPINESS IS NOT SEEING –
AND BELIEVING ANYWAY
John 20:19-31**

JESUS AND COMPANY TEACH US ABOUT DOUBT:

1. AS NEEDED, ENTER INTO DOUBT

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews ..." John 20:19a (NIV)

**2. RECEIVE THE PEACE AND COMMISSION
OF JESUS**

"... Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'" John 20:19b (NIV)

*"Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you!'"
John 20:21a (NIV)*

"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'" John 20:26b (NIV)

*"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid."
John 14:27 (NLT)*

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

*"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
John 20:21b (NIV)*

"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

3. MOVE BEYOND DOUBTING

AND BELIEVE

*"Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'"
John 20:27 (NIV)*

"Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'" John 20:29 (NIV)

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31 (NIV)

"You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him, you trust him; and even now you are happy with a glorious, inexpressible joy. Your reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:8-9 (NLT)