

John 20: 19-31 Study Guide (NKJV)

Scriptures in Study Guide:

Reminder that Scriptures (NKJV) are within the daily lessons to help you with the missing words. If you have any questions, write them down and we'll discuss them when we meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 am.

Day 1

Read John 20:1-18 out loud and summarize what happened below:

Read John 20: 19-20 out loud and complete verses:

19 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, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." **20** When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

John 20:19:

- Then, the _____ day at evening, being the first _____ of the week, when the doors were _____ where the disciples were assembled, for _____ of the Jews, _____ came and stood in the midst
- Jesus said to His disciples, "_____ be with you." as He came and stood in the midst of them.
- **Questions:**
 - What do you think the "same day at evening" means? What "day" (not day of the week, but the day of what happened in the previous verses) do you think the apostle John is referring back to? _____.
 - Why do you think that the apostle John makes a point of saying that the doors were shut where all of Jesus' disciples were assembled? _____.
 - According to this verse, why were Jesus' disciples hiding? _____.

John 20:2:

- When He had said this, He showed them His _____ and His side.
- When Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side, they were glad when they _____ the Lord.
- **Questions:**
 - What does Jesus tell His disciples in **John 14:29**? _____.
 - Why would Jesus showing the disciples His hands and side matter to them? _____.

Day 2 - Read John 20:21-23 out loud and complete verses:

21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." **22** And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 20:21:

- So _____ said to them again,
 - "_____ to you!"
 - As the Father has _____ Me, I also send _____."
- **Questions:**
 - Where do you think that Jesus is sending His disciples to? _____
 - Where did the Father send Jesus before the crucifixion? _____
 - What is the purpose for us, as Jesus' disciples, to be sent into the world? (See **Romans 1:16**)

John 20:22:

- And when He had said this, He
 - _____ on them
 - and said to them, "Receive the _____ Spirit.

Summarize John 14:15-17 here:

Questions:

- Based upon Jesus' promise in **John 14:15-17**, how is this fulfilled in **John 20:22**? _____

- Why do you think that Jesus could not give His disciples the Holy Spirit to live within them BEFORE He went to the cross? _____

Day 3 - Forgiveness (Christly love)

For today's study, we're going to focus on how Jesus loved. Many times in the world, defines "love" as letting someone have what they want or not holding them accountable for breaking God's commands. The Scriptures, however, never show Jesus allowing a person to break God's commands (sin) in order for the person to feel loved. With the woman at the well (**John 4**), Jesus confronted her sin before He disclosed Himself as the Messiah to her. When Nicodemus came to Jesus with questions (**John 3**), He confronted Nicodemus' religious system (**John 3:10-11**) to expose his rebellion against God. It wasn't until after the crucifixion that we see a surrendered Nicodemus that is resolved to leave all to follow Christ. A person must recognize they're a sinner. One cannot recognize that if we make them comfortable in their sin. Once a person recognizes their sin and their inability to pay for it, they will begin to seek a Savior Who can take that repentance and forgive (**1 John 1:9**).

Read Luke 23:32-34 out loud and answer the related questions:

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. **33** When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. **34** Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Questions:

- Who were crucified on each side of Jesus? (**Luke 23:32**) _____
- What did Jesus ask His Father to do in **Luke 23:34**? _____
- Why did Jesus ask His Father to forgive those who were crucifying and mocking Him? _____
- According to **Psalms 51:4**, Who is sin ultimately against? _____
- With the knowledge that all sin is against God alone, how could you explain Jesus' prayer for those who were persecuting Him? _____

Read Luke 23:39-43 out loud and answer the related questions:

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" **40** But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? **41** We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." **42** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." **43** Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Questions:

- In **Luke 23:40-41**, do you think the "other criminal" is recognizing his sin? If so, what makes you think that way? _____
- Remember that this follows them hearing Jesus praying for His persecutors from the cross. What does the "other criminal" do after acknowledging what he did was wrong and that his punishment was just; but not Jesus'? _____
- What is Jesus response to the "other criminal" in **Luke 23:43**? What would we say Jesus is doing for this man? _____

Read John 20:23 out loud and complete the verse:

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 20:23:

- If you _____ the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the _____ of any, they are retained."
- **Questions:**
 - As you think back on what you read in **Luke 23** about Jesus' prayer for His persecutors as well as His forgiveness of the repentant criminal, how would you explain what Jesus is instructing His disciples (and us) in **John 20:23**? _____
 - After our study today, what's the greatest manifestation of Christly love? _____

Day 4 -Read John 20:24-29 out loud and complete verses:

24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." **26** And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" **27** Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." **28** And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:24:

- Now _____, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was _____ with them when Jesus came..
- **Question:** Who was not with the other apostles when Jesus came to see them after the resurrection? _____

John 20:25:

- The other _____ therefore said to him, "We have seen the _____."
- When the other disciples said to Thomas that they had seen the Lord, Thomas said to them, "Unless I see _____ His hands the print of the _____, and put _____ finger into the print of the nails, and _____ my hand into His side, I will _____ believe."
- **Question:** What do you think that Thomas is saying to the other disciples ? _____

John 20:26:

- And after _____ days His (Jesus') disciples were _____ inside, and _____ with them.
- **Question:** Thomas was with who inside the room? _____
- Jesus came, the doors being _____ and stood in the _____, and said, "_____ to you!"
- **Question:** Why do you think the doors were shut? _____

John 20:27:

- Then He said to Thomas,
 - "_____ your finger here,
 - and look at My _____; and
 - reach _____ hand here,
 - and put it _____ My side.
 - Do not be unbelieving, but _____."
- **Question:** Why did Jesus instruct Thomas to do these things (see John 20:25): _____

John 20:28:

- And Thomas _____ and said to Him, "My _____ and my God!"

Day 5 -Read John 20:29-31 out loud and complete verses

29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and yet have believed.” **30** And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:29:

- Jesus said to him, “Thomas, _____ you have seen Me, you _____ believed.
- Blessed *are* those who have _____ seen and yet _____ believed.”
- Write out **Hebrews 11:1** here: _____

- Write out **Genesis 15:6** here: _____

- Write out **Galatians 3:9** here: _____

- **Question:** As you wrote out the verses above, how would you related those truths to what Jesus said to Thomas about those who believe without seeing?

John 20:30:

- And truly Jesus did many other signs in the _____ of His disciples, which are not written in _____ book;
- **Question:** What is the apostle John (the author of this gospel) saying here about the amount of “signs” that Jesus did in the “presence of His disciples”? _____

John 20:31:

- but these are _____ that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.
- **Questions:**
 - What do you think “these” in John 20:31 refers to? _____
 - What do these “signs” recorded in the gospel of John point to or prove about Jesus?

- Why were all of these “signs” written down for? What was the purpose? _____
