

The Man Who Missed It!

Jn 20:19-29

Resurrection Sunday 2009

Intro:

- The Men who walked with Jesus...
- Carriers of the message and promise of Christ
- Also carriers of emotions, frailty, humanity
- Thomas, Didymus, the twin, the questioner
- Most of what we know, John tells us...
 - Jn 11:16 – let us go so we may die?!
 - Jn 14:5 – don't know where you are going/way?
 - His biggest opportunity - he was not there....

I. The Day of Glory (19-24)

- The evening of the Resurrection
 - Fear becomes peace!
 - Showed hands/side – they rejoiced!
 - As I was sent... I send! Receive the HS!
- BUT, Thomas was not there... a lot to miss!
 - Not only the fellowship, joy and encouragement
 - But most important, the LORD'S message
 - and in that message, LIFE and JOY!

II. The Day of Question (25)

- Friends, family, co-workers tell their story
 - We have seen the Lord!
 - What should have brought joy, revealed doubt
 - I want to see and touch!
 - Others do not reproach him... (Mk 16:14)
 - Many want to have their standards met...
 - God calls to the hearts of all... our real need!
 - From there, we must choose...

III. The Day of Faith (26-29)

- 8 days of waiting and talking...
 - So much time to go over all their recent choices...
 - Jesus appears and offers “peace”!
 - Give me your finger & hand... Jesus calls him
 - “stop becoming unbelieving” – believe!
 - My Lord and my God – address of faith, truth!
 - Lordship is a lifetime commitment
 - Jesus accepts those who come in faith (29)

Connections:

- We each have the potential to miss it...
 - Intellectuals, Evolutionists, Cynics...
 - None are as wise as they claim to be...
- Thomas made the best choice...
 - MY Lord and MY God
- Do we have the Joy of our Savior today?
- Do we know the call of being sent/filled?
- DO WE SING OF HIS RESURRECTION
- AND OURS?