

John 20-21 - The Post-Incarnate God

"More Witnesses" - John 20:19-31

Introduction: "The Ten" (20:19-23); "The One" (20:24-29); "The Sign" (20:30-31).

"The Ten" - Called from Fear to Peace - John 20:19, 21

Fear: Come back to faith; Seek spiritual fellowship; Admit you are afraid; Face your fear; Find the lesson that God wants you to learn

Peace: A gift from God through the Holy Spirit; Independent of outward circumstances ; Follows surrendering to God's control in my life

Called to See and Touch - John 20:20, 27

Called to Go and Tell - John 20:21

Called to Receive - John 20:22-23

Holy Spirit: Jesus' deity (John 6-11) ; Holy Spirit (John 14-16)

Precept: Jesus' appearance to the "ten" (20:19-23) is the Holy Spirit climax to the Gospel. Jesus' appearance to the "one" (20:24-29) illustrates the importance of Jesus Christ in all discipleship.

"The One" - Called to Believe - John 20:24-29

"The Sign" - John 20:30-31 – Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Conclusion:

There is room in the family of God for people who start from doubt. (Thomas)

The testimony of God's people is a weapon in God's hands.

God is not limited in his means to open our eyes and bring us to faith in Jesus Christ.

Belief is vital to salvation and the Holy Spirit is essential to that belief.