

## Whenever, Wherever

Series: Faith Under Fire

Scripture: John 20:19-29

### Introduction

Every text has a \_\_\_\_\_.

This chapter gives a report of hours after the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, the disciples minus \_\_\_\_\_, and then the disciples with Thomas.

### The story

1. Jesus appeared to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ were present.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ were not.
2. Jesus spoke to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. A word of \_\_\_\_\_ for their fears.  
... *Peace be with you.* (v. 19b)
  - b. A word of \_\_\_\_\_ for their future.  
*As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.* (v. 21b)
  - c. A word of \_\_\_\_\_ for their faith.  
*And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'* (vs. 22-23)

### Where was Thomas?

1. Doubt can take you \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Doubt can \_\_\_\_\_ you away.
3. Doubt can \_\_\_\_\_ you back.
4. Doubt can lead you to \_\_\_\_\_ statements.
5. Doubts can be erased in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

### Back to the Story

1. The other disciples bore \_\_\_\_\_ to Thomas of the risen Christ.  
*So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.'* (v. 25a)
2. Thomas made his position \_\_\_\_\_.  
*But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.'* (v. 25b)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ were gathered again eight days later.
  - a. Thomas was \_\_\_\_\_ them this time.  
*Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them.* (v. 26a)
  - b. Jesus appeared to them \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. He brought the \_\_\_\_\_ greeting.  
*Peace be with you.* (v. 26b)
    - ii. Then he spoke to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.'* (v. 27)
  - c. Thomas' reply is \_\_\_\_\_ and true.  
*Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'* (v. 28)
4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation.  
*Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.* (v. 29)

### Conclusion

*As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.* (v. 21b)

Be a \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is undeniable.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is remarkable.

Be ready \_\_\_\_\_, whenever, wherever.

... *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect . . . 1 Peter 3:15*

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