

PEACE BE WITH YOU

John 20:26-31

Intro – After 8 days. Jesus and His disciples always gathered on Sunday after His resurrection.

I. Jesus appears in the room. (26)

A. Doors were locked because of fear.

B. Jesus offers peace in the midst of fear. Mt.14:27, Mt.28:20

II. Jesus understands our needs. (27)

A. Thomas needed extra proof. 25

B. Temptation to doubt hits everyone. Lk.24:38

1. Adam and Eve. Gen.3:1 result – Rom.5:12

2. Abraham Gen.12:13 Gen.12:17

3. Sarah Gen.13:15, Gen.18:12 Gen.16:1-6 Jewish Arab conflict

4. Moses Ex.4:13 Ex.4:30

5. Jonah, Peter, John the Baptist – all had times of doubt.

C. Weak faith lacks peace.

III. Strong faith creates peace. (28-31) Rom.5:1, Rom.15:13

A. When Thomas' faith was strong his testimony was strong. (28)

B. Strong faith is blessed by Jesus. Jn.17:8, Jn.14:27, Gal.5:22

Con. – Just trust God's word and you will have peace in your heart. Phil.4:7, Rom.10:13