

*Greek Readings*  
**Series B, Easter 2**  
**John 20:19–31**

• **Verses 19**

- What is the theological importance of the phrase *ἢ ἡμέρᾳ ἐκείνῃ τῇ μιᾷ σαββάτῳ*, if any? (cf. Mt. 28:1; Mk. 16:2,9; Lk. 24:1; Jn. 20:1)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse *κεκλεισμένων*. \_\_\_\_\_ What type of construction is *τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων*. \_\_\_\_\_. Why is it important that John records “the doors were locked”? (cf. 20:26) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse *ἔστη*. \_\_\_\_\_. Give the dictionary entry. \_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the theological significance of Jesus announcement of *εἰρήνη* in v.19?  
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• **Verse 20**

- Why does Jesus show the disciples his *τὰς χεῖρας καὶ τὴν πλευρὰν*? (cf. 20:25, 27)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the relationship between the crucified and risen Lord, and how might this relate to the disciples’ “rejoicing”? \_\_\_\_\_.
- How do the promises of Jesus in 14:18 and 16:20-22 relate to v.20ff.?  
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• **Verse 21**

- Why does Jesus announce *εἰρήνη* to the disciples a second time; is there a distinction between the first and second announcement? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse *ἀπέσταλκέν*. \_\_\_\_\_. What is the significance of this verb’s tense? \_\_\_\_\_. In what way has the Father sent his son, and how does this reveal the Father? (cf. Jn. 17:18) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse *πέμπω*. \_\_\_\_\_. How does the sending of Jesus correspond to the sending of his disciples? \_\_\_\_\_. What doctrine is often associated with this passage? \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Verse 22**

- Why is the phrase *καὶ τοῦτο εἰπὼν* structurally important for understanding the relationship between v.21 and v.22? \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse *ἐνεφύσησεν*. \_\_\_\_\_. What is the meaning of this word? (cf. BDAG, p. 326) \_\_\_\_\_. How might the use of *ἐμφυσάω* correspond to Gen. 2:7 and Ezek 37:9-10?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Parse *Λάβετε*. \_\_\_\_\_. For what reason does Jesus send the *πνεῦμα ἄγιον* unto the disciples? \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Verse 23**

- Parse *ἀφῆτε* and *ἀφέονται*. \_\_\_\_\_. What is the meaning of *ἀφίημι* here, and what is its theological significance? (cf. BDAG, p.156, 2)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- What is the meaning of *κρατέω*, and what is its theological significance? (cf. BDAG, p. 565, 7) \_\_\_\_\_.
- To whom does v.23 apply? (cf. Mt. 16:19; 18:18) \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Verse 24**

- Thomas appears in 11:16 as well as in 14:5. What do we know about him from these verses, and how might this relate to vv.24-29?  
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- **Verse 25**
  - Parse ἔλεγον. \_\_\_\_\_ . What might the tense of this verb communicate about the efforts of the disciples to inform Thomas? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Parse Ἐωράκαμεν. \_\_\_\_\_ . Why is this verb in the perfect tense? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - What type of construction is οὐ μὴ πιστεύσω? (cf. Voelz, 2 edn., 193; 3 edn., 177) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Why does Thomas request to see the “mark of the nails” and to touch them? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 26**
  - Is there any significance to the phrase μεθ' ἡμέρας ὥκτω? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Why might the phrase τῶν θυρῶν κεκλεισμένων be repeated here? (cf. 20:19) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Why does Jesus again announce εἰρήνη to the disciples? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 27**
  - Parse γίνου. \_\_\_\_\_ . What is the proper way to translate μὴ γίνου? (cf. Voelz, 2 edn., 220; 3 edn., 202) \_\_\_\_\_ . How might a proper translation of this imperative help us understand Thomas? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Parse ἀπιστος. \_\_\_\_\_ . What is the meaning of ἀπιστος? (cf. BDAG, p. 103, 2) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 28**
  - Parse κύριος. \_\_\_\_\_ . What is the significance of Thomas' confession that Jesus is Ὁ κύριος καὶ ὁ θεός. \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - What is the import of the adjective μου. \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 29**
  - Parse ἔώρακας. \_\_\_\_\_ . What is the relation between Thomas' “seeing” and his “believing”? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Why does Jesus consider those μακάριοι who have not seen and yet have believed? \_\_\_\_\_ . To whom do these refer? \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 30**
  - To what does σημεῖα refer here? (cf. John 2:11, 18, 23; 3:2; 4:48, 54; 6:2, 14, 26, 30; 7:31; 9:16; 10:41; 11:47; 12:18, 37; 20:30) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- **Verse 31**
  - What is the referent of ταῦτα? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Notice the variant between πιστεύητε and πιστεύ[σ]ητε. How might each variant emphasize a different aspect in “believing”? \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Explain the significance of the Christological titles in the confession Ἰησοῦς ἐστιν ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ νιὸς τοῦ θεοῦ. \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Integration of Meaning

Come up with a sermon title and two to three supporting points.