

***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further***  
***International Bible Lessons***

**John 20:19-23**

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

**Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further**

**1. How many disciples saw Jesus on Resurrection Sunday?**

10 – Judas had hanged himself and Thomas was not there. Jesus would appear to him later.

**2. How did Jesus get into the locked house?**

He either appeared, perhaps having been there invisible prior to appearing, or He passed through the locked doors and walls. Some have suggested that Jesus passed through the doors and walls because He was more solid than the doors and walls, but without doing any damage to the house.

**3. What did Jesus show His disciples?**

He specifically showed them His side and His hands. They could have easily seen the marks of the crown of thorns on His forehead without needing to point them out. Jesus appeared fully human and able to be touched and eat (which He did at a later appearance).

**4. What two blessings did Jesus give His disciples?**

He gave them His peace and the Holy Spirit.

**5. How did Jesus give His most important gift to His disciples?**

He breathed the Holy Spirit into them, because He had promised not to leave them orphaned.

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