

How is this different from the way we might expect God to act toward us after our failures?

*Thank God today for His grace! Ask Him to forgive you and reinstate you if you have failed Him!*

## Saturday

*Today, just meditate on God's goodness. Spend time quietly being with the risen, living and active Christ! Please pray for the weekend services as we begin "LIFE LIKE JESUS". Thanks!*

# 2010 EASTER

## TWIN LAKES CHURCH

## Meeting God

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### What happens when I meet the risen Jesus?

#### 1. He \_\_\_\_\_

Mary stood outside the tomb crying... "Woman," Jesus said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "**Mary.**" *John 20:11,15-16a (NIV)*

#### 2. He \_\_\_\_\_

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid... Then Jesus came and stood among them. "**Peace be with you,**" he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were **filled with joy** at seeing the Lord. *John 20:19-20 (TEV)*

#### 3. He \_\_\_\_\_

Then Jesus said again, "Peace be with you.  
**As the Father sent me, I now send you.**"  
*John 20:21 (NCV)*

After he said this, he breathed on them and said, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"  
*John 20:22 (NCV)*

#### 4. He \_\_\_\_\_

Now Thomas... was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." *John 20:24-25 (NIV)*

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe!" Thomas said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**" *John 20:26-28 (NIV)*

Jesus said, "You believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing." *John 20:29 (TM)*

### The bottom line:

What he did \_\_\_\_\_ he'll do \_\_\_\_\_ !

New weekend series starts next week:  
**Life Like Jesus**  
How can I love like Jesus?  
Forgive like Jesus?  
Handle stress like Jesus?

# Daily Meditations

Brief daily reflections throughout the week

## Monday

Read John 20:1–18. In the weekend services, you heard of Mary Magdalene’s background: A loner, a woman with a past. It may sound funny to ask, but do you find you relate to her in any way?

What do you find significant about Jesus’ response to her?

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus knows you and calls you by name?

*Today pray to God with this truth in mind: He knows you by name, better than you know yourself! Thank Him for this! Ask Him to help you behold Him with fresh eyes as present with you at all times!*

## Tuesday

Read John 20:19–20. Why were the disciples afraid? Why do you suppose the doors were locked?

Does the locked door deter Jesus? In what ways does Jesus glide through locked doors in our world today?

What fears do you struggle with?

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What would Jesus say to you about your fears today?

*Bring each of your fears specifically to God right now in prayer. Ask to receive His peace! Ask Him to help you behold with fresh eyes His promise of resurrection!*

## Wednesday

Read John 20:21–23. Jesus now gives his disciples an assignment. In fact, every time the risen Christ appears to anyone, He gives them a life mission. How does he describe their new mission here?

Christ’s words about forgiveness in verse 23 are a little confusing at first, but put them in light of everything else Jesus taught and modeled about forgiving even our enemies: Is there anyone that Jesus says we should not forgive? So what is He saying to His followers here about a primary part of their mission?

Christians believe Christ’s words to the disciples apply to all followers of Jesus. In your own words, what does God send you into the world to do?

*In the next five weekend services we will explore what it means to live like Jesus. This is just about the most important topic for a Christian to study, so please don’t miss it!*

*Thank God that He not only forgives your past, but gives you a reason for living today! Ask Him to help you live with that sense of purpose.*

## Thursday

Read John 20:24–29 and Luke 24:38–48. We all struggle with doubt at times; perhaps not doubt that Jesus rose from the dead, but doubt that He will be good to you, or that He can make a difference right now in your life. What did you learn about Jesus’ response to doubt in these verses?

How does this help you in your struggle with doubt?

Honestly evaluate your doubts right now. What evidence has God given you that you sometimes choose to ignore?

*Thank God that He isn’t threatened by your doubts! Thank Him for the truth of His word. Ask Him to help you see the evidence He puts around you to help you overcome your doubts.*

## Friday

Read John 21:1–17. Earlier, what did Peter do when Jesus was on trial? How many times did he do this?

How many times did Jesus reinstate Peter?  
What do you think is significant about this?

What can you learn from this story about Christ’s attitude toward you after you’ve failed?



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