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I. John 20:19-31

A. Doors were shut for fear of the Jews

1. _____ can cause us to close the _____ on the world around us.
2. What is meant to be _____ ends up being a _____!

B. Jesus came and stood in the midst

1. _____ wants to come and _____ with you in the middle of your situation when it looks like people have _____ you.
2. **2 Tim 4:16-17** 16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. 17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me,
3. Jesus will stand with you through _____ times.
 - a) Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego - Dan 3
 - b) Stephen getting ready to be stoned - Acts 7
 - c) Peter walking on the water - Matt 14
4. **Prov 24:16** 16 For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.
 - a) **Eph 6:11** 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
5. **Jesus said, "Peace be with you"**
 - a) You will hear a lot of _____ in a situation but we need to _____ to what Jesus has to say.
 - b) **Peace** - *eirene* - Freedom from anxiety and inner turmoil
 - c) **Phil 4:6-7** 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
 - d) **John 14:27** 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

C. I will not believe unless:

1. **"I see" in His hands the print of the nails**
 - a) **See** - *eido* - To know or to have complete and full understanding of

(1) This is about the _____ of personal _____ or recognition

b) **Ps 34:8** 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

(1) Until we _____ who we are without Him we will never _____ ourselves enough to find out who we can be with Him.

c) There will never be true appreciation of the _____ that was made for us without recognition of the _____ that was owed by us.

(a) Open our eyes to see - 2 Kings 6:15-17

2. **Put my finger into the print of the nails**

a) **Print** - *tupos* - A scar

(1) A scar is either a mark of a _____ or a mark of a _____ depending on how you look at it.

(2) Scars can tell a story - Difference between a scar and a wound

(a) Wound is still open - Story of what happened to you; painful, hurt

(b) Scar is healed - Story of what God brought you through; restoration power.

(3) **Heb 4:15** 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

b) **My finger** - Not just aware of it but reach out and touch it

(1) "My finger" - Finger print; represents unique identity

3. **Put my hand into His side**

a) **John 19:34** 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear and immediately blood and water came out.

b) Jesus really _____ so that I could really _____!

D. **Personal Encounter with Jesus**

1. **Believing** - *pistos* - Faith, trustworthy, persuaded or convinced.

2. **Unbelieving** - *apistos* - Disbelieving, without faith, not persuaded or convinced