

# Things Missed By Missing People

## Introduction:

A. Lesson Text: *John 20:19-28*

B. We don't know why Thomas wasn't with the disciples, but we do know what he missed.

**1. Thomas missed the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.**

A. Jesus had tried to prepare His disciples for what was to come (*John 16:19-22*).

B. Imagine missing this opportunity to see the resurrected Christ, face to face.

**2. Thomas missed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the other \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Their confusion and disappointment must have been similar to the feelings of those two men on the road to Emmaus (*Luke 24:18-21*).

B. God's Word describes a number of benefits that disciples share.

1. The benefit of *comfort* (*1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11*).

2. The benefit of *prayer* (*Philippians 4:6-7*).

3. The benefit of the *Scriptures* (*Romans 15:4*).

**3. Thomas missed the \_\_\_\_\_ he needed to remove his \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. For an entire week after Jesus' appearing, Thomas' doubt remained.

B. Thomas wasn't the only one who ever doubted (*Luke 17:5*).

**4. Thomas missed the \_\_\_\_\_ given by Jesus.**

A. *John 20:22-23* contains the nearest thing in John's gospel to the "Great Commission."

B. These were the men charged with the teaching upon which the entire plan to redeem mankind would hinge.

*But Thomas isn't the only disciple who has missed out on the benefits of spiritual blessings...*

**1. We also miss the \_\_\_\_\_ of seeing the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. We also miss the \_\_\_\_\_ found in being with other \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. We also miss the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to help us with our \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. We also miss the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ given by Jesus.**