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**A SERIES OF NEW BEGINNINGS**

**John 20:19-29**

As we examine the lives of the disciples, we will notice time and time again how they failed. How they got off track, disappointed the Lord and themselves. Especially during the time of his crucifixion. Remember Jesus told his disciples that all of them would be offended because of him. The last thing the disciples knew is that Jesus was taken to be crucified. Eventually laid in a tomb.

But news came that Jesus was alive. He appeared to Mary Magdalene and to other women. Now he comes to his disciples (John 20:19, 20). Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Thus, we see.

1. **A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Beginning (John 20:20).** The disciples got a new start. Which means you can fail, but you can start over.
2. **They got \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 20:21, 22).** Back into ministry. This wasn’t their first go-around. Jesus had sent them out before. First to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. They received the Holy Spirit (John 20:22).
3. **We see a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Message (John 20:23).** Which means if you forgive the sins of anyone they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of anyone they are retained. This is the same message given in Matthew 16:18, 19). This message is still invested in Christ followers today (Romans 10:9).

**Let’s Consider Why We Miss Our New Beginning.**

1. Thomas could have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Thomas could have been ***sick.***
3. Thomas could have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Remember 8 is the number for New Beginnings (John 20:26). He received ***a revelation*** from the Lord. That brought a new beginning. Thomas waited 8 days before he received his new beginning. My Question for you is **“How long will you wait before you receive your New Beginning.”** You can have it, if you desire it. The disciples had a series of New Beginning’s.