

John 20:19-31 • From Fear & Doubt to Courage & Assurance

1. (v.19-23) The transformation from fear to courage was accomplished first Christ's personal visit, in graciously dealing with them not as their sins and behavior deserved, by reassuring Him with His Word and proof of authenticity, by further commissioning them to carry on His work in the world, and by enabling them through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
2. (v.24-28) The transformation from doubt to assurance was accomplished by restoring faith in Christ and His Word; otherwise faith is placed in something else, most often one's self.
3. (v.29-31) Faith in Christ as the Son of God through belief in His Word accomplishes the ultimate transformation from death to life.

Overall Application:

Salvation is not an act of resuscitation, but resurrection from death to life.