

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, April 27, 2025 (Easter 2)

Acts 5:17-32

Discussion Starters

1. Who are the Sanhedrin? What was their role in Jewish life? Why were they so opposed to what the Apostles were doing?
2. If you were one of the imprisoned Apostles, how would you have felt during the events of vv. 18-21? How would you have felt if you were one of the religious leaders when they arrived the following morning?
3. Why is Peter so direct in his response to the religious leaders (vv. 29-32)? How is this different from Peter's way of operating before the crucifixion? Why the difference?
4. What does this passage teach about our Christian responsibility to those in authority over us?

Revelation 1:4-8

Discussion Starters

1. What is significant about the references to God in verses 4 and 8? What is the significance of the titles given to Jesus in verse 5?
2. What three things does Christ do for us?
3. Who are the seven churches? What is their significance?
4. What clues do you get from these verses about the meaning of this book (see especially v. 7)?

John 20:19-31

Discussion Starters

1. When did the events of this passage happen?
2. Three times Jesus tells the disciples "peace be with you." Why are they afraid now? How does the triple statement of Jesus address their fears?
3. What was the purpose of Jesus' breathing on the disciples?
4. How does Jesus deal with Thomas' doubt? What is significant about Thomas' response? Why do you suppose Thomas was absent at the first appearance of Jesus?
5. For Thomas, seeing was believing. What was foundational for your belief in Christ?
6. How would you describe the purpose for John's gospel?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?