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.