



IN
THE
UPPER
ROOM
WITH
JESUS





JOHN 16:16-19 NIV

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JOHN 16:20-22 NIV

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A LITTLE WHILE + GRIEF + SEE + JOY



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JOHN 16:16, 20a NIV

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*The Roman general Varus then marched on to Jerusalem where at the mere sight of him and his forces the Jewish armies dissolved and fled into the countryside...Varus dispatched parts of his army around the countryside to go after those responsible for the revolt, and among the many apprehended he **imprisoned** those who seemed to have taken a less active role, and **crucified** those most responsible - **about two thousand in all**.*

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JOHN 20:24-25 NIV

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have **seen** the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I **see** the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”



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JOHN 20:26b-29a NIV

...Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; **see** my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

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The early Christians did not invent the empty tomb and the meetings or sightings of the risen Jesus...Nobody was expecting this kind of thing; no kind of conversion experience would have invented it, no matter how guilty (or forgiven) they felt, no matter how many hours they poured over the Scriptures. To suggest otherwise is to stop doing history and enter into a fantasy world of our own.

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JOHN 20:29 NIV

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; **blessed** are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”



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