



Does Jesus Make a Difference?

**“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.”
John 20:19-20 (NIV)**

Before His Death (BC)

1. Fatigue...

"It was late that Sunday evening..." John 20:19 (TEV)
Roller coaster week for this group of people...

"God wants His loved ones to get their proper rest." Psalm 127:2 (TLB)

2. Failure...

"All the disciples deserted him [Jesus] and fled." Matthew 26:56 (NIV)

3. Fear...

"...the disciples were meeting together behind locked doors, in fear of the Jewish leaders..." John 20:19 (LB)

"He too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death...and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV)

Personal Confidence Index survey: (circle one)

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| 1. Emotions | (Nervous or at Peace) |
| 2. Relationships | (Growing or Stalled) |
| 3. Physical Needs | (Content or Frustrated) |
| 4. Future Plans | (Sure or Shattered) |
| 5. Spiritual Condition | (Secure or Ashamed) |
| 6. Relationship with Jesus | (In or Out) |

After His Resurrection (AD)

1. God's presence gives me the power to get started.

"Jesus came and stood among them...the disciples were overjoyed when they saw the

Lord." John 20:19 (NIV)

"When the Council saw the boldness of Peter and John and could see they were 'ordinary' men, they were amazed and realized what being with Jesus had done for them." Acts 4:13 (TLB)

2. God's power gives me the confidence to keep going.

"How tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God. That power is the same divine energy which was demonstrated in Christ when he was raised from the dead." Ephesians 1:20 (Phi)

"Being confident of this, he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

3. God's personal touch heals my hurts.

(Jesus) "Woman why are you crying? Who are you looking for?...Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him...Jesus said to her, Mary." John 20:15-1 (NIV)

"They said to each other, 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?' And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem." Luke 24:32-33 (NLT)

What does a "BC" life feel like?

"Those who feel tired and worn out will find new life and energy." Jeremiah 31:25 (CEV)

How to have an "AD" life:

- B**elieve in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:2-4).
- A**ccept God's free forgiveness for my sins (Romans 3:22).
- S**witch to God's plan for my life (Romans 12:2).
- E**xpress my desire for Jesus to be the director of my life (Romans 10:9).

New message series called "Don't Sweat It" will help:

1. Restore lost confidence.
2. Find sources of confidence.
3. Heal shattered confidence.
4. Find keys to confident living.
5. Get over condemnation.
6. Build confidence in others.
7. Face my future with faith.