

THE MISSING PERSON

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 11th, 2010
Independent Baptist Church - Keeseville NY

Last Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is alive forevermore and He has promised that He would never leave nor forsake His people - He has promised that where two or three are gathered together in His Name that He would be in the midst of them. If I did not believe that I would not give ten minutes of my time to come to any Christian gathering. It is Jesus I come to meet with, and I meet Him here at IBC in His people - in His Word - in the songs we sing to His praise. There have been times in Lynn's and my experiences of church going when God broke through in very rich and powerful ways in a "routine" Sunday church service - be it in the morning, evening, or mid week. I have often asked myself - "What if I didn't show up that particular Sunday?" "What if I decided to do something else that Sunday?" "What if I allowed my discouragement or spiritual dryness at the time to dictate to me whether I gather with the Lord's people or not?" Christians have plenty of excuses for not assembling together on the Lord's day but might I suggest that the best reason for attending is that Jesus will be present. We are here this morning as guests in His presence among His people to hear from His Word. This morning we will be turning to John's Gospel and the twentieth chapter where we find a small band of Christians assembled together on a Sunday evening - but the record shows that one person was missing who should have been there.

I. _____ was missing?

▶ **It was not** _____

▶ **It was not** _____

▶ **It was not** _____

▶ **It was not any of the** _____ **or** _____

II. _____ was he missing?

III. _____ was he missing?

IV. _____ was he missing?

1. The _____ of Jesus

2. The _____ of Jesus

3. The _____ of Jesus

4. The _____ of an after life

5. _____ and _____

6. The _____

7. The _____

CONCLUSION: