

B.C.V. Feb. 3, 1946.

Where are the marks of the cross?

John 20: 24.

I. The Missing Man . v. 19-24

Disciples gather after Crucifixion - one chair vacant.

Was it Judas? No, not expected -

Was it Pilate? No, " " he had his chance

Thomas one of 12 . A Member of the Group -

Said when members of church miss services.

Said when members can be counted on at social functions
& can not be counted on when God goes forth to win.

Thomas knows about the service.

II. Notice When He was Absent

When Jesus came !!

How sad he was away -

Only 10 of them met - Jesus came just same -

10 virgins - 5 ready - " " " " " "

2nd coming -

III. Observe Why He was Absent

1. Was it Because of Indifference?

No - But there are people today absorbed in personal
matters full uninterested in Kingdom.

2. Was it because he found Satisfaction elsewhere?
No - Not happy - wretched.
3. Might have said Meeting will be dull -
Peter will tell of his last Experiences -
John of Past Glories -
Thought & dead - I saw the kiss, tabernacle, burial

IV. Observe What He Missed.

It was not dull - a service that thrilled, it was wonderful

1. Privilege of being Jesus.

2. Great joy - v. 20

3. Gift of Peace - v. 21

To those present
Daniel had this in Den.

4. Have Reconciliation - v. 21
to Father -

5. Have Thine H. S. v. 22
getting this greatest thing he missed.

Think what some of you are missing
Some of you were active in church - little by little you
slipped back - no longer regular - & still manifests
himself.

if you missed him everything wrong -

V. Succeeded in The End.

1. Thomas not Proud of his Doubts.
Did not look on them as treasures.
After word from the meeting he didn't miss the next one -
v. 27 - 28

VI. What Marks Should be Seen in us?

Not all But ^{Gal. 6:17 identification} - He sinned in our lives -
not self inflicted - Crazz - Jump until bruised etc.
Faith - not works, & did in vain if by works.

VII. Sinner accept The Cross Today

Come & say - My Lord & my God -

v. 29 -