## David Lorenz: Life in His Name

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## David Lorenz: Life in His Name (John 20:19-31)

David Lorenz, senior pastor of <u>First Baptist Church in Friendswood</u>, declared the Easter message has not changed in 2,000 years, and he is excited about that because it is a message about life and the giver of life.

John wrote his Gospel so everyone coming after him "might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 20:30), Lorenz read. Just before those words, John recounted Jesus appearing to him and the other disciples as they hid in a locked room. Jesus appeared to his disciples to send them on the mission he gave them.

Lorenz described Thomas, who missed the joy of Jesus' resurrection by being stuck on Jesus' death. When Jesus appeared to Thomas along with the others, Thomas' unbelief was overcome. Not only did Jesus not condemn Thomas, but he also said twice, "Peace be with you."

Thomas' response to Jesus demonstrated his newfound faith.

This sermon was delivered for Easter Sunday, Apr. 17, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Friendswood.

Sermon notes are available here.