

From Conflict to Peace

John 20:19 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!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

In this Series, We Will Learn That . . .

. . . There is a beginning and ending to _____. We need to welcome changes and look for the _____ they provide.

Some Background

1. This story happens _____ on the _____ that Jesus arose.

John 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, . . .

2. This story takes _____ in a _____.

John 20: 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again . . .

3. The disciples are _____ in the same place but they are _____ for their _____.

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John 20: 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, . . .

What changed the disciples from fear to boldness?

4. Jesus has a _____ and it is quite _____!

Why didn't Jesus appear to the doubters and enemies instead of to His followers?

What was Jesus' new body like?

1Cor. 15:35 But someone may ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"

1Cor. 15:42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Luke 24:30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Luke 24:39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

Luke 24: 41 . . . he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

The Message from the Resurrected Lord

1. You _____ have _____!

This peace was _____.

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. . . .

This peace was _____ God and man for the _____ time since _____.

Rom. 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Col. 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Jesus had _____ said this to the disciples _____ and now says it _____ times in two brief meetings. This is _____!

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John 20:26 . . . Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

2. You are to _____ this peace with _____.

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

3. You are to _____ and _____ the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Some believe that the disciples received the Holy Spirit _____.

Others believe that the disciples were told of what was _____ to _____ and how it would happen exactly 50 days _____.

-- Note that they did not receive _____ or _____ here.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-- Note that although He said He was _____ them in the previous verse, they were not actually sent for _____ 50 days.

4. You are to _____ the _____ of sins.

John 20:23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Some believe that this verse gave the _____ and possibly other church _____ the _____ to forgive sin.

Luke 5:21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Others believe that Jesus was speaking of the work of salvation that had just been _____. We can now _____ share with people that if they truly believe, they are forgiven!