

¹⁹That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! ‘Peace be with you,’ he said. ²⁰As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹Again he said, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.’ ²²Then he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’” – John 20:19-23

HERE’S WHAT THE RISEN JESUS DID...

1. He _____

“Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!” – v. 19

“There’s no place where we can go that Jesus isn’t.”

“Jesus wants us to know Him, so He comes in close.”

2. He addressed their _____

“Peace be with you.” – vv. 19, 20

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.” – Isa. 41:10

“Into our fears, Jesus comes.”

3. He proved He was _____

“...he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side.” – v. 20

“The most compelling proof we have today that Jesus is real is God’s unchanging Word and countless changed lives.”

“I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.” – 1 Cor. 15:3-4

HERE’S WHAT THE RISEN JESUS GAVE

1. He gave the disciples a _____

- With God ~ With Others ~ With Ourselves

- By grace, through faith, in Christ

“For Christ himself has brought peace to us.” – Eph. 2:14

“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” – Rom. 5:1

“We don’t initiate peace with Jesus by our actions. He initiates peace with us.” – John Piper

2. He gave the disciples a _____

- To love, forgive, overcome sin, change our present, do great things, remarkable things, miraculous things

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...” – Acts 1:8

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” – 2 Tim. 1:7

“With peace comes power to be and do what we were created to be and do.”

3. He gave the disciples a _____

“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” – Jn. 20:21

“As followers of Jesus, we are sent into the world to show and tell the gospel.”

“These are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.” – Jn. 20:31

“When we speak the words of the gospel, God is speaking through us.”

THE MESSAGE OF EASTER...

“What Jesus _____ and _____ to those first disciples,
He continues to _____ and _____ to us today.”