



Meeting Jesus in a Room of Fear

John 20:19-23 (GNT) It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

- Jesus meets his disciples in a house of _____.
- Followers of Jesus—behind _____ doors.
- Jesus is not put off by the _____ we’ve shut off.
- We need to experience the peace of Jesus in the exact place we’ve been _____.
- It is here in this place of fear that the risen Jesus comes and _____ among them.
- In this room filled with fear Jesus blesses his disciples with _____. It is here that he _____ on them and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”
- The problem isn’t just that fear is in that locked room, it’s that part of us is _____ with it.

- It is in this place where Jesus appears, encounters, and _____ his disciples.
- Jesus transforms this _____ of fear with his presence.
- He transforms his _____ with his presence.
- It begins when Jesus _____ and stands among them.
- He _____ them with peace.
- Jesus speaks peace (_____) to his disciples.
- But in a very real sense it is the _____ of Jesus that brings his peace.
- Jesus showed them his _____ and his _____.
 - First, the scars are _____ of the resurrection.
 - Second, the scars serve as an eternal witness to the _____ and the suffering Jesus endured for the redemption of humanity.
 - Third, rather than marks of _____, the scars of Jesus are visible reminders of his _____ over sin and death.
 - Fourth, the scars demonstrate that Jesus knows and understands human pain. They are also a reminder of the _____ of God’s cruciform, self-giving love for all eternity.
- The scars remind us that Jesus did not lose his _____ upon returning to the Father.
- It’s in this _____ of _____, that Jesus commissions his disciples saying: “As the Father sent me, so I send you.”
- We are tempted to think if we can just get to a _____ place than the one we’re in now, our lives will be different.
- But Jesus wants to come into the place you are _____ and begin to transform your life there.
- Jesus wants his disciples to _____ his life and ministry utilizing the same purpose, authority and empowerment he received from God (cf., Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 4:18-19).
- When Jesus says, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you,” he’s not sending them to a stage, he’s sending them to _____.
- We are sent to be _____ in our world.