

# Last Words



# PEACE AFTER THE RESURRECTION

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

**JOHN 20:19-29**

<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

**JOHN 20:19-29**

<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**JOHN 20:19-29**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

**JOHN 20:19-29**

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

**JOHN 20:19-29**

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

**JOHN 20:19-29**

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

**JOHN 20:19-29**

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**JOHN 20:19-29**

<sup>27</sup> 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 14:27**

# **1) PEACE FOR ALL DISCIPLES**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, **with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders**, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you!”**

**JOHN 20:19**

**A) FEAR OF PEOPLE**

All the disciples deserted him and fled.

**MATTHEW 26:56**

<sup>32</sup> “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone.”

**JOHN 16:32**

<sup>12</sup> When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, <sup>13</sup> telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”

**MATTHEW 28:12-13**

# **B) FEAR OF GHOSTS**

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> **They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.**

**LUKE 24:36-39**

<sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?

<sup>39</sup> 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 24:36-39**

First, Jesus asked them to look  
at his hands and feet.

Second, Jesus asked them to  
touch his flesh and bones.

Third, Jesus asked them for  
food to eat.

He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

**LUKE 24:41-43**

**2) PEACE FOR ALL  
PEOPLE**

**<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.**

**JOHN 20:21-23**

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**JOHN 20:21-23**

“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

**JOHN 21:15-17**

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they  
will be called children of God.

**MATTHEW 5:9**

Jesus sent His disciples on  
a mission of peace. Jesus gave  
His disciples the Spirit of peace.  
We cannot fulfill the purpose  
without the presence.

Matthew's commission was  
about discipling, baptizing  
and teaching.

Mark's commission was  
about preaching and  
supernatural signs.

Luke's commission was about  
power and witnessing.

John's commission was about  
peace and forgiveness.

**3) PEACE FOR ALL  
DOUBTERS**

Jesus came to stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.

**JOHN 20:27-29**

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

**JOHN 20:27-29**

“Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

**JOHN 11:16**

“Lord, we don’t know where you are going,  
so how can we know the way?”

**JOHN 14:5**

What is striking is that Thomas was not willing to accept the testimony of the other disciples. He did not want second-hand information, but a first-hand experience.

We discover that Jesus took time to explain to Thomas how subsequent believers would not have the same experience as the disciples and yet could still have peace.

<sup>24</sup> “**The Lord bless you** and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the Lord turn  
his face toward you and **give you peace.**”

**NUMBERS 6:24-26**

<sup>33</sup> The God of peace be with you all.  
Amen.

**ROMANS 15:33**

<sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan  
under your feet.

**ROMANS 16:20**

<sup>16</sup> Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times and in every  
way. The Lord be with all of you.

**2 THESSALONIANS 3:16**

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:7**

# **SERMON REVIEW:**

- 1) PEACE FOR ALL DISCIPLES
- 2) PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE
- 3) PEACE FOR ALL DOUBTERS

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