



Opening

- **Weekly Christian Formation**
- **Question 51** *Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?
- **Answer.** Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.
- **Scripture Reference. Romans 8:34**

April 7 Sermon - Study Questions

- **John 20:19-31**
- Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage

- **Questions**
 1. Who sees the resurrected Christ in this passage? What does He show them?
 2. Why does John point out that Jesus showed them His hands and side?
 3. How does Jesus greet the disciples three different times in this passage?
 4. Why do you think John included this detail? How does it relate to John 14:27?
 5. How does God bring peace (shalom) into our lives?
 6. In v.21, what does Jesus commission the disciples to do?
 7. Look at v.22, what else does Jesus give to His disciples?

8. What does the Holy Spirit empower them to do? How does the Holy Spirit aid the disciples to be sent into the world, giving it peace to those who believe? To those who don't believe, what do they receive?

9. What does belief look like in v.28?

10. This passage shows us that shalom is a gift from the resurrected Christ. Christ then sends His followers into the world. He breathes the Spirit of life into them which they are to give to others. All of this is empowered by God. How can you rest in the peace Jesus has given to you, and the Spirit He has given to you, relying on that Spirit to breath life into those around you?

Closing

- Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.
- Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people.
- Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism