

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

The Peace He Earned

John 20:20–21

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'

"Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." That might be the understatement of the century. Their Master — the One they had watched die on a Roman cross — was alive, standing before them, breathing, speaking, showing them His wounds. No wonder they were glad. It was finally beginning to dawn on them: the joy of it all.

But notice that Jesus doesn't simply comfort them and leave it at that. He repeats His greeting of peace and then immediately sends them out. "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." The peace of Easter is not meant to be hoarded behind locked doors. It is meant to be carried into the world.

These are the same disciples who had denied and deserted Jesus only days before. Yet here He is, not casting them aside but commissioning them. He greets betrayers with peace and then trusts them with His mission. That is the extravagance of grace.

The same is true for you. You have not earned God's peace by your faithfulness. Christ earned it for you by His. And now, forgiven and restored, you are sent — into your home, your workplace, your neighborhood — carrying the same peace that found you behind your own locked doors.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus repeated "Peace be with you" a second time before sending the disciples out?
2. How does it encourage you that Jesus sent the very disciples who had failed Him?
3. Where is Jesus sending you to share His peace this week?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to bring peace to a world at war with You. Now, through that same Son, You send us out with the message of reconciliation. Forgive us when we hoard Your gifts behind closed doors. Give us courage to carry the peace of Easter to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Family Action Item

Choose one person this week — a neighbor, coworker, or someone you've lost touch with — and reach out to them with an encouraging word, a note, or an act of kindness. As a family, talk about what it means to be "sent" by Jesus into your everyday life.