

**WAYMAKER #3**  
**“Light in the Darkness”**  
**EASTER**  
**April 4, 2021**

**Talk-It-Over**

**Anxiety** – a heightened sense of vulnerability plus a diminished sense of power

John 20:19a *“That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.”* (NLT)

**“Never let a good crisis go to waste.” Winston Churchill**

John 20:19b *“Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! ‘Peace be with you,’ he said.”* (NLT)

John 20:20-21a *“As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! <sup>21</sup> Again he said, ‘Peace be with you.’”* (NLT)

**On that first Easter Sunday, Jesus gives his followers three things...**

- 1. Jesus gives his followers peace.**
- 2. As a result of peace, Jesus gives his followers joy.**
- 3. Jesus gives his followers a purpose.**

John 20:21b *“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”* (NLT)

John 11:25 *“I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.”* (NLT)

- **What have you been anxious about recently? (Explain)**
- **What has God been trying to teach you through your anxiety or through a crisis in your life?**
- **On that first Easter Sunday, Jesus gives his followers peace, joy and purpose. Do you have these? Which ones? How could complete reliance on God help you find more of each?**