

JOHN 20:19-23

THE SOURCE

JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF PEACE

- Read John 20:19 with Luke 24:36-38. Why were the disciples afraid and in fear?
- What miracle did Jesus do in this passage and why is it significant?
- How did the Resurrected presence of Jesus bring peace to the disciples then and to us now?
- Talk about the importance of having peace with God and having the peace of God? (e.g. Philippians 4:4-9)

JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF JOY

- Read John 20:20 with Luke 24:39-43. Why did Jesus show the disciples His hands and His side? What did it reveal about Jesus?
- Luke 24:42 says that Jesus ate a piece of fish. Why is that significant?
- How did the Resurrected presence of Jesus bring joy to the disciples then and to us now?
- What is true joy and why is it important for Christians to live with such joy today (e.g. Romans 5:3-5)?

JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF MISSION

- Read John 20:21-23 with Luke 24:44-49. What did Jesus mean when He said, "As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you?"
- What is the meaning of John 20:22 and how was that fulfilled in Acts 1:8; 2:1-4?
- Read John 20:23 and discuss this statement, "Christ was saying any Christian can declare that those who genuinely repent and believe the Gospel have their sins forgiven, and any Christian can warn that those who reject Jesus Christ will die in their sins (e.g. Hebrews 10:26-27)."
- Talk about the natural progression in a Christian's life from John 20:19-23:
 - Christ's atoning work grants peace to the repentant sinner.
 - Christ's peace fills a Christian with supernatural joy.
 - Christ's joy and authority compels believers to go to the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit, bearing the good news of Christ's forgiveness to all to genuinely believe in Him.

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