

## **“AS THE FATHER SENT ME, I SEND YOU”**

### **JOHN 20:19–31**

#### **SETTING**

- Time: Evening of the resurrection day
- Location: A locked room
- Condition of the disciples:
  - Fearful
  - Hiding
  - Uncertain

#### **FIRST VISIT — JOHN 20:19–23**

##### **1. Jesus Appears in the Locked Room**

- The doors are locked
- Jesus comes and stands among them

##### **Key Insight:**

- Jesus is not limited by barriers
- He meets His people in their fear and confinement

##### **2. The Greeting — “Peace Be With You”**

- Jesus says it twice (v.19, v.21)

##### **Meaning of Peace:**

- Not just absence of fear
- Wholeness, restoration, reconciliation with God

##### **Key Insight:**

- Peace is the first gift of the resurrected Christ
- Peace comes before instruction or mission

##### **3. The Evidence — His Hands and Side**

- Jesus shows His wounds

##### **Response:**

- The disciples rejoice

##### **Key Insight:**

- Their peace is grounded in:
  - The crucifixion
  - The resurrection

##### **4. The Commission — “As the Father Has Sent Me...”**

- Jesus sends them as He was sent

##### **Implication: They are continuing the mission of Jesus**

##### **Key Insight:**

- The pattern of Jesus’ mission becomes the pattern for theirs:
  - Entering brokenness
  - Revealing God
  - Bringing life

## **5. The Gift — The Holy Spirit**

- Jesus breathes on them

### **Symbolism:**

- Echo of creation (Genesis 2)
- New life / new creation

### **Purpose of the Spirit:**

- Empowerment for mission
- Ongoing presence of Jesus

## **6. Authority — Forgiveness of Sins**

- Authority given regarding forgiveness

### **Meaning:**

- They are entrusted with proclaiming the gospel
- Their message carries eternal significance

## **SECOND VISIT — JOHN 20:24–29**

### **1. The Absence of Thomas**

- Thomas was not present during the first visit
- He struggles to believe the testimony

### **Statement:**

- “Unless I see... I will never believe”

### **2. Jesus Appears Again**

- Same setting: locked room
- Same opening words: “Peace be with you”

### **Key Insight:**

- Jesus meets doubt with the same peace as fear

### **3. The Gift — Faith Through Revelation**

- Jesus invites Thomas to see and touch

### **4. The Response — Confession of Faith**

- Thomas declares: “My Lord and my God!”

### **Key Insight:**

- One of the clearest confessions of Jesus’ identity in the Gospel

### **5. The Blessing — Future Believers**

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

### **Meaning:**

- Faith without physical sight is honored
- Future generations are included

## **COMMISSIONING THROUGH BOTH VISITS**

### **1. Peace → Foundation for Mission**

- Peace precedes sending
- The disciples are not sent in fear but in assurance

### **2. Gift of the Spirit → Power for Mission**

- The Spirit enables what Jesus commands
- Transformation comes from God, not human effort

### **3. Faith → Necessary for Participation**

- The disciples believe because they see
- Future believers will believe through testimony

### **4. Sending → Continuation of Jesus' Work**

- “As the Father has sent me, I also send you”

#### **Implications:**

- Personal experience with Jesus
- Authority in His name
- Ongoing relationship with God
- Participation in bringing life to others

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT — JOHN 20:30–31**

- John explains why this account is written:

So that readers may:

- Believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God
- Have life through His name

## **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

- Jesus appears → gives peace
- Jesus reveals Himself → produces belief
- Jesus gives the Spirit → empowers life
- Jesus sends His followers → continues His mission

## **CORE TRUTH**

**Because Jesus is alive, present, and revealed... His followers can believe, receive, and be sent.**