

Three Ways Jesus Restores Our Peace

A. Fellowship With Jesus (20:19b)

“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13

B. Trust In Jesus (20:20)

*“3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.
4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.”* Isaiah 26:3-4

C. Live For Jesus (20:21-23)

*“3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.
4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God.”* II Corinthians 3:3-4

Will You Believe And Find Peace?

“but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:31

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

40 DAYS WITH JESUS

Believe & Find Peace

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INTRODUCTION

A. After His resurrection Jesus spent forty days on the earth (Acts 1:3). During this time He made ten appearances.

Jesus' Post-resurrection Appearances

- To Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18; Mark 16:9-11).
- To the women returning from the tomb (Matthew 28:8-10).
- To Peter later in the day (Luke 24:33-34; I Corinthians 15:5).
- To the disciples going to Emmaus in the evening (Luke 24:13-32).
- To the apostles except Thomas (John 20:19-24; Luke 24:35-45).
- To the apostles a week later with Thomas present (John 20:24-29; Mark 16:14).
- In Galilee to the seven by the Lakes of Tiberias (John 21:1-25).
- In Galilee on a mountain to the apostles and over 500 believers (I Corinthians 15:6; Matthew 28:16-28).
- At Jerusalem and Bethany again to James (I Corinthians 15:7).
- At Olivet and the ascension (Acts 1:3-12; Luke 24:50-53).

B. In this series you will discover what Jesus did on earth for 40 days after the Resurrection and what you will find when you believe in Jesus.

Mar 27	Believe & Find Life
Apr 3	Believe & Find Hope
TODAY	Believe & Find Peace
Apr 17	Believe & Find Confidence
Apr 24	Believe & Find Forgiveness
May 1	Believe & Find Power

C. **TEXT:** John 20:19-23 (Pew Bible/Pg.1067/New Test.)

HOW TO BELIEVE & FIND PEACE

I. WHAT **ROBS** OUR PEACE? (John 20:19a)

We see the following three things in the lives of the disciples that also rob us of our peace:

A. Peace Robber #1: **Failure**

“...Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.”

Matthew 26:56b

The disciples felt like a group of **losers**. They had walked away from their friend Jesus when He needed them the most.

B. Peace Robber #2: **Fatigue**

Notice it is late Sunday **evening** (v 19b).

The disciples had been through the draining experience of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, six trials and His ultimate crucifixion. They are worn out physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

“Fatigue makes cowards of us all”

- Vince Lombardi

C. Peace Robber #3: **Fear**

They were aware of the painful death of Jesus and now they are afraid of what might happen to their own lives (v 19c).

The greatest fear is that of **death** and Jesus died and rose from the grave to take away this fear.

“14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

Hebrews 2:14-15

II. WHO **RESTORES** OUR PEACE? (John 20:19b-23)

One minute the disciples were crushed, the next minute they are at peace. What made the difference?

A **relationship** with the **RESURRECTED** Jesus is what restored their peace.

Jesus provides two types of peace:

- Peace **With** God – Secures The **Future**

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Romans 5:1

- Peace **Of** God – Secures The **Present**

“6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

My message in one sentence: When you know Jesus personally, you will experience peace through the power of His resurrection.

“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection,”

Philippians 3:10a