

## Gospel of John

[Jesus' Appearance to the Disciples (John 20:19-23)]

### I. The Time of Jesus' Appearance (v. 19a)

- On the evening of His resurrection
- The doors were locked; the disciples were afraid
- How did Jesus get in?

### II. The Proof of Jesus' Appearance (vs. 19b-21a)

- Jesus' greeting of peace (John 14:27; 16:33)
- Jesus' hands and side (John 19:34, 35; Rev. 5:12)
- The disciples rejoiced as Jesus had promised (John 16:20, 22)

### III. The Purpose of Jesus' Appearance (vs. 21b-23)

- To calm the disciples' fear
- To remove the disciples' disbelief
- To commission the disciples for their new role as His representatives
- Jesus promises the power by which the disciples were to carry out the commission (v. 22)
- Jesus gives the disciples authority to preach forgiveness based on the work of Christ (v. 23)

### Practical Lessons

- 1) Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to the disciples on the first day of the week point to the special significance of that day in the NT.
- 2) The wounds of Jesus speak peace to troubled souls.
- 3) God promises pardon for sin to all who turn from their sins (repentance) and trust in Christ (faith) (Luke 24:46, 47; Acts 16:31).