

## **Jesus Christ Is Risen: Peace, Power & Purpose (John 20:19-23)**

- New Testament: 27 books all deal with Jesus life, death & resurrection
- All deal with Jesus risen from the dead & living reality in the universe
- Jesus' first appearance to all of his disciples together for the first time.
- We will consider how *the risen Jesus responded to his disciples*
- *And we will consider also What words did the risen Jesus speak to his disciples?*

### **I. Three Realities of How Jesus deals with His disciples & with us (19)**

- 1) The doors were shut. (Luke 24:39)
- 2) They were fearful. (Isa 41:10)
- 3) Jesus came and stood in their midst

### **II. Three Blessings Jesus Speaks & Gives to His Disciples (20-23)**

- 1) “Peace be with you”
  - a) Jesus purchased and accomplished peace for us on the cross (20)
  - b) Where peace comes into our lives
    - i. *Peace between us and Him*
    - ii. *Peace between us and God*
    - iii. *Peace between us and others in Christ*
    - iv. *Peace between us and our own souls*
    - v. *Peace with creation or the created order (Isaiah 9:7)*
  - c) How does this peace become yours? (John 1:12; Rom 5:1)
- 2) Empowered by the Holy Spirit (v.22 cf. Acts 1:8; 2:33)
- 3) The purpose He has for us (21b)

### **CONCLUSION: The Very Reason & Purpose for our Existence**

“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

- Vs 23 – who ever will listen & believe the Gospel – sins forgiven
- Whoever doesn't listen to the Gospel & believe, their sins: not forgiven