

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**  
**Title:** “Jesus Gives Peace and Purpose”  
**Text:** John 20:19–23  
**Series:** *The Gospel of John*

**I. Jesus Gives Peace and Purpose (John 20:19–23)**

**A. Jesus Gives Peace to His Fearful Disciples (v. 19)**

**1). Jesus enters where the disciples, in fear, have locked themselves in (v. 19a)**

**2) Jesus, risen from the dead, says “Peace be with you” (v. 19b)**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

**3). Jesus shows them “His hands and His side” and “the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord” (v. 20)**

<sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

**B. Again, Jesus commissions His disciples to ministry Purpose (vv. 21–23)**

**1) “As the Father has sent me, even so, I am sending you” (v. 21)**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

**2) “If you forgive the sins of any...” (vv. 22–23)**

<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”