

“Jesus’ Commission to Preach; Our Privilege to Proclaim”

JOHN 20:19-23

- To Mary Magdalene in Jerusalem (Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18)
- To other women in Jerusalem (Matt 28:9-10)
- To 2 men on the road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-32)
- To 10 disciples in Jerusalem (Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23)
- To Thomas, who would join them later (John 20:24-29; I Cor 15:5)

Post-resurrection Appearances

I. The Condition Surrounding This Appearance

(vs. 19a)

II. Jesus Comforts the Disciples (vs. 19b-20).

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- Suddenly Appeared?
- Quietly came into the room?
- Crawled through a window?
- Motioned the doors to open and they did so?

What About Vs. 19b?

- From a Greek word meaning “hello,” or “a well wish to another
- Equivalent to the Hebrew word shalom

The Word “Peace”

“First, the disciples sit there behind barred doors in great fear of the Jews, afraid to venture outside, with death staring them in the face. Outwardly they indeed have peace, no one is doing them any harm; but inwardly their hearts are troubled, and they have neither peace nor rest. Amid their fear and anguish the Lord comes, quiets their hearts and makes them glad, ...



Martin Luther
From an Easter Sermon

...so that their fear is removed, not by removing the danger, but in that their hearts were no more afraid. For thereby the malice of the Jews is not taken away, nor changed; they rave and rage as before, and outwardly everything remains the same. But they are changed inwardly, receiving such boldness and joy as to declare: 'We have seen the Lord.' Thus he quiets their hearts, so that they become cheerful and fearless, not caring how the Jews rage."



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And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 5:6

20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

John 16:20-22

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A. The Commission (vs. 21)

- Greek *apostello* – one sent as an authoritative representative
- Greek *pimpo* – one sent to participate in another's work

“As the Father has sent (*apostello*) Me, even so I am sending (*pimpo*) you”

1. Ask God to help you see people like Jesus (Matt 9:36).
2. Invite non-Christians to church (e.g., the example of Andrew).
3. Plan Gospel conversations.
4. Host a Bible study.

4 Suggestions for Sharing the Gospel

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 - B. The Coming Comforters' Role (vs. 22)**

1. Jesus speaks of imminent events as already happening

(John 12:20-23; 13:31; 17:1).

2. No evidence of the Spirit's coming until Pentecost (Acts 2)

Why Didn't the Spirit Come in Vs. 22?

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C. The Confirmation of the Commission (vs. 23)

1. Man does not have the ultimate authority to forgive sins (Mark 2:3-10).
2. Man does not absolve or pardon man's sins like Jesus (Acts 10:43; 13:38).

What Does Vs. 23 Mean?

1. Do you know the Gospel? (I Pet 3:15)
2. Are you speaking the Gospel?
3. How does your life model the Gospel?
4. Do you believe the Gospel can change someone's life?
5. How often do you pray for boldness?
6. Are you planning to share the Gospel?

Final Questions

“It must be heart-work with you, brethren, far more than head-work, if you are to win many souls. Amidst all your studies, mind you that you never let your spiritual life get dry...Do not be satisfied with merely polishing up your grates, but stir the fire in your heart, and get your own soul all aflame with love to Christ, or else you will not be likely to be greatly used in the winning of the souls of others.”



Charles Spurgeon
The Soul Winner