

## JOHN 20:19-29 THE UPPER ROOM PART 2

**INTRO: READ **JN. 20:19-29****

**VS. 19:** <sup>19</sup> *Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."*

**Peace be with you**

- Jesus 3X brings this greeting to them. (19, 21, 26)

**VS. 20:** <sup>19b</sup> *Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."* <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.*

**WOUNDS:**

- Notice the connection between His wounds and this peace.
- He points to Himself as our living Propitiation.
  - 1 Jn. 4:10; God sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sin.
- The seal, the brands of proof, that He was the Fathers Son, doing the Fathers will, that He was the Fathers sent one.
- The marks of Christ. (stigmata) used to describe a brand applied on cattle or slaves.
  - See Paul, **Gal. 6:17**

**GLADNESS:**

- Then were they glad when they saw Jesus.
- Here the picture John paints is one of family, brotherhood, a church view with Christ in the midst.
- The upper room pictures the church assembled. Where Jesus is in the midst..
- Joy comes from seeing Jesus in all circumstances. See Jesus

**VS. 21:** <sup>21</sup> *So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."*

**SENDING:** As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

- What does this mean?
- The Father sent Jesus on a particular mission.
- To seek and to save that which is lost, secure redemption for His bride, to do the Father's will. This is how Jesus in one place described it;
  - Lk. 4:18; "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to *the* captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."
- As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.
- Jesus was under authority, in obedience with submission and in cooperation with the Father.
- Here Jesus now inaugurates what He mentions it in Jn. 17:18;
  - As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- Jesus represented the Father and we now must represent the Son.
  - 1 Jn. 2:6, we should walk as He walked, and again,
  - 1 Jn. 4:17; as He is, so are we in this world.

**PEACE:**

- "Peace to you! This is the second time Jesus mentions this.
- What peace is Jesus talking about;
  - Lk. 2:14; "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"
  - Lk. 12:51; Do *you* suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.
- The first "Peace" was a peace with God, this second peace is the peace of God.
  - Phil. 4:7, <sup>and</sup> the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- The first gave them their standing with God; the second was to be their standing in the world.
- The first was the consequence of the atonement; the second is that which issues from communion and resting in God. Peace in the midst of troubled world.
  - Jn.16:33; These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me** you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
  - Notice peace is found in Him.. Now where else.

- When Elana and I were married she didn't just get a ring,, she got me.. For better or for worse, but I came with the ring.
- Jesus doesn't just send a disconnected peace to us He is the peace, find Jesus, find peace.
- The disciples, at this time, were not going to heaven with Christ; they must remain behind in a hostile world, in a world that produces no true peace, so they must have God's peace.
  - Jn. 14:27; 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.
- Here Christ communicates the secret of peace in this world; it is peace with God, in Christ, and the peace of God through communion with God.
- We too are to be peace messengers. We must be the answer to the question "what is peace?"
- There will be wounds!
  - 2 Cor. 4:10, always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
  - Col. 1:24, I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

**VS. 22:** *<sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

- The only time in the N. T. this word "breathed" is used.
- He breathed on them/in *them*, breathed in? What does this mean?
  - In Gen. 2:7. We find the exact same word in the GK. Septuagint.
  - **Ez. 37:9-10**
- They received something for there was a change.
  - LK. 24:45, 52, 53, Acts 1:14, 16, 20
- Notice again the importance of the scriptures!
- By the power of the Holy Spirit He gifted them with a new deposit.
- It was a new dimension for them.
- It was a foretaste of what they would receive at Pentecost.

**VS. 23:** *<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."*

- Sins forgiven, sins retained.. What does this mean?
- A literal translation which will help us see and understand the meaning.
  - "I confer unto you the power of declaring and pronouncing authoritatively whose sins are forgiven and whose sins are not forgiven."
- As the high Priest in Israel pronounced clean, or unclean, the leper who came to him.

- The priest did not do the cleansing; he proclaimed what God had already done.
- This is a "church picture." An inclusion or exclusion picture. A governing of the body, acknowledging and discerning what God had already done.
  - Mt. 16:19
  - Mt. 18:18
- God did not, nor does He, give unto men the power to forgive and take away sins.
- The power to cleanse and rid one's soul of sin, lies with God alone.
- The scriptures always, without exception, give only to God the prerogative to cleanse and take away sin.
- Even the Jews admitted this when they said in Mark 2:7,
  - "Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
- There is not a single instance in the book of Acts or the Epistles of an Apostle or anyone absolving or remitting another sin, they always pointed the enquirer to Jesus.
  - Acts. 10:43, Therefore let it be known to you, brothers, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
- This commission of the disciples was basically an instruction on how the church would be governed.
  - Acts 8:22, 23
  - 2 Cor. 2:10
- The church is not to be a den of confusion, but a house of order.
- Am I retaining someone's sin? Withholding forgiveness where God has forgiven?

### **CONCLUSION:**

- Has Jesus appeared unto me? Have I seen His wounds?
- Do I bear wounds; do I see and accept the cost of discipleship?
- Am I also sent, am I fulfilling God's mission for my life?
- Do I walk in peace, in the Spirit of Christ? Live peace from the inside out.