

## Task, Blessing, Lord

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John 20:19-31

- I. The Blessing (see Luke 24:50-53)
  - A. The promise of the Spirit
  - B. Peace (John 14:21, 23-27; 7:38-39; Galatians 3:14; Jeremiah 29:7)
  - C. What does it mean to have peace?
  - D. We need this same peace!
  
- II. The Task
  - A. In Matthew, Jesus mainly leaves his disciples with a task (Matthew 28:18-20)
  - B. "I send you" (John 20:21; also Luke 9-10)
  - C. "Forgive ... retain" (Matthew 18:15-20; 6:12, 14-15; 18:35; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 10:43)
  - D. Carrying out the task (1 Peter 2:12)
  
- III. The path to peace
  - A. Believe the testimony of those who have seen him alive, dead, and alive.
  - B. Flowing from belief in the gospel, repent of sin.
  - C. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with peace. (Luke 11:13)
  - D. Stop looking at yourself and start looking at Christ.
  
- IV. The Lord
  - A. Only a Lord can give us a task.
  - B. Only a Lord can bless us with peace. (Psalm 46:9; 29:11)
  - C. The resurrection was the moment at which Jesus accomplished his Lordship.

**Yohana 20:19-31**

19 Ikawa jioni, siku ile ya kwanza ya juma, pale walipokuwapo wanafunzi, milango imefungwa kwa hofu ya Wayahudi; akaja Yesu, akasimama katikati, akawaambia, Amani iwe kwenu.

20 Naye akiisha kusema hayo, akawaonyesha mikono yake na ubavu wake. Basi wale wanafunzi wakafurahi walipomwona Bwana.

21 Basi Yesu akawaambia tena, Amani iwe kwenu; kama Baba alivyonituma mimi, mimi nami nawapeleka ninyi.

22 Naye akiisha kusema hayo, akawavuvia, akawaambia, Pokeeni Roho Mtakatifu.

23 Wo wote mtakaowaondolea dhambi, wameondolewa; na wo wote mtakaowafungia dhambi, wamefungiwa.

24 Walakini mmoja wa wale Thenashara, Tomaso, aitwaye Pacha, hakuwako pamoja nao alipokuja Yesu.

25 Basi wanafunzi wengine wakamwambia, Tumemwona Bwana. Akawaambia, Mimi nisipoziona mikononi mwake kovu za misumari, na kutia kidole changu katika mahali pa misumari, na kutia mkono wangu katika ubavu wake, mimi sisadiki hata kidogo.

26 Basi, baada ya siku nane, wanafunzi wake walikuwamo ndani tena, na Tomaso pamoja nao. Akaja Yesu, na milango imefungwa, akasimama katikati, akasema, Amani iwe kwenu.

27 Kisha akamwambia Tomaso, Lete hapa kidole chako; uitazame mikono yangu; ulete na mkono wako uutie ubavuni mwangu, wala usiwe asiyeamini, bali aaminiye.

28 Tomaso akajibu, akamwambia, Bwana wangu na Mungu wangu!

29 Yesu akamwambia, Wewe, kwa kuwa umeniona, umesadiki; wa heri wale wasioona, wakasadiki.

30 Basi kuna ishara nyingine nyingi alizozifanya Yesu mbele ya wanafunzi wake, zisizoandikwa katika kitabu hiki.

31 Lakini hizi zimeandikwa ili mpate kuamini ya kwamba Yesu ndiye Kristo, Mwana wa Mungu; na kwa kuamini mwe na uzima kwa jina lake.