

Jesus - My Lord and My God

John 20:19-29

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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again,

and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

JESUS STRONG!

"Doubting" Thomas

"Let us also go that we may die with Him." Jn. 11:16

"Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jn. 14:5

1. Supernatural peace given to them.

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. Jn. 20:19

Jesus came and stood among them and said to them "Peace be with you." Jn. 14:27

But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw
a spirit. Lk. 24:37

Plaque on Par 5 hole in LA
“On this hole Arnold Palmer had
12 strokes in the 1961 Open!”

Jesus said to them again,
“Peace with you.” (21)

Peace with God – Rom. 5:1
Peace of God – Phil 4:7
Peace with others – Rom. 12:18

I have said these things to you,
that in Me you may have peace...
Jn. 16:33

Eight days later, His disciples were inside again and
Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked,
Jesus came and stood among them and said,
“Peace be with you.”
(26)

And let the peace of Christ rule
in your hearts...

Col. 3:15

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all
times in every way. 2 Thess. 3:16

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
of mortals ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
and armed with cruel hate
on earth is not his equal.
And though this world
with devils filled
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure
for lo his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

2. Supernatural proof given to them.

... He showed them His hands
and His side. Jn. 20:20

The “mark” or print of the nails
(25)

See My hands and My feet that it is I Myself. Touch and
see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see
that I have. Lk. 24:39

... then the disciples were glad
when they saw the Lord.
“Doubting” Thomas

“Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place
my finger into the mark of the nails, and place
my hand into His side,
I will never believe.
Jn. 20:25

Then He said to Thomas –
“Put your finger here and see
My hands; and put your hand
and place it in my side.”
(27)

Do not disbelieve, but believe.
(27b)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Heb. 11:1

Without faith it is impossible
to please Him...
(6)

The demands of Thomas -

1. Unless I see in His hands...
2. place my finger into the mark of nails
3. place my hand into His side
4. I will never believe.

3. Supernatural purpose given to them

As the Father has sent Me even so
I am sending you. Jn. 20:21b

As you sent Me into the world,
so I have sent them into the world.
Jn. 17:18

Don't grow weary!
Don't lose hope!
Don't give up!
The job is NOT done!

“The church is potentially a powerful body with a necessary arsenal at its disposal to change the moral character of this world. The fact that it is not doing so causes us to be painfully aware that its potential is not being realized. That which is possible is not being produced, for while possessing the dynamite of the Gospel, the church has lost its detonator (explosiveness). As a result of this inaction, the church that the world sees is weak, timid, divided, and crawling instead of flying.”
John Maxwell

4. Supernatural power given to them

And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them...

Jn. 20:22

. Receive the Holy Spirit
Spirit = breath
Holy Spirit = God's breath
Inspiration = God breathed

Our relationship with the Holy Spirit

. Indwells every Christ-follower

1 Cor. 6:19; Rom 8:9

. Empowers every Christ-follower

Acts 1:8

. Works through every

Christ-follower 1 Cor. 12:4-11

. Produces His fruit in every

Christ-follower Gal. 5:22-23

If you forgive the sins of any,
they are forgiven them

(23)

God alone can forgive sin.

Mk. 2:7

Evidence of God's Spirit

. You will see truth – right and wrong is clear 2 Tim. 2:15;
3:16

. You will share God's grace – hope of forgiveness Jn.
3:36

. You will speak on God's behalf –
His promises

Jn. 3:16; Rom 10:9-10

“If you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

Evidence of God Spirit

. If someone rejects God’s truth ...

(God’s Word is the standard)

. If someone resists God’s spirit of conviction...

. If someone refuses to repent...

and trust in Jesus...

then we must state that forgiveness is not possible.

Unless you believe that I am He,
you will die in your sins. Jn. 8:24

I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Matt. 16:19

Conclusion –

“My Lord and My God!”

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