

Peace Be with You

John 20:19-31

We started the series on the Gospel of John in September 2016 with John's purpose for writing his account of Jesus, *"so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."* (20:31) In this passage, Jesus appears twice to his disciples and repeats three times the phrase, *"Peace be with you."* Jesus makes it clear His peace is available and necessary.

Peace of Knowing the Risen Lord (vs 19-20)

Fear of those out to get you is dispelled.

Gladness permeates the peace Jesus gives.

Peace of the Holy Spirit in Our Ministry (vs 21-23) [14:26-27]

Jesus sends us into service with divine help.

Our central ministry is reconciliation.

Un-Peace of Disbelief (vs 24-25)

One misses out on blessings by requiring things be "my way."

Having no genuine foundation for faith erodes hope.

Peace of Certainty (vs 26-31)

Jesus is both Lord and God.

We share the blessing of Jesus' peace with sure hope.

*"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."
(Isaiah 26:3)*