

INTRODUCTION: The day that Jesus rose from the dead - Jn 20:19-23.

**1st: The Resurrected Lord Speaks His Peace - v19-21a**

1. Resurrected Jesus' *peace* - review

**2nd: The Resurrected Lord Sends His Apostles - v21b**

1. The res'd Jesus sends & commissions [Grt Com of Mat 28].
2. Jesus sends *you*: His people - Jn 1:6.
3. The special assignment of *apostles*. Jn 17:14-18 [verb of v18 - apostles]; Jn 20:21 - *sent* 2x - represent the sender: context of Jn 20:22-v23.

**3rd: The Resurrected Lord Supplies His Spirit - v22**

1. Jesus physically *breathes* on discs tw/ 2 speakings re: sent & HS of Jesus.
2. How to interpret: Gn 2:7; Ezek 37:9
3. Jesus' "breathing out" is symbolic in conjunction w/ Jesus' *hour* to be *glorified* [Jn 13:31]. Points to gift of HS given on Pentecost [Acts 2].
  - i. Disciples still struggle after this out-breathing - still need gift of HS.
  - ii. After time of instruction, ascension, enthroned Jesus gives HS in A 2.
4. Aspects of one unified redemptive event: Jesus & HS. Breathing = a visual parable, predictive pantomime of Pentecost. JnB foretold: bapt w/ HS.
  - i. Jn 14:26-27 *peace & HS sent in Jesus' name: 15:26-27; 16:7-8, 13-15*
  - ii. Instruction re: their mission & promised provision of HS.

**4th: The Resurrected Lord Speaks of Sins Forgiven - v23**

1. HS given to enable mission of v23.
  - i. Isa 22:21-22 - tokens of Eliakim's authority: *tunic, sash & key* likened to father's [v21]. *Key* to *open* [& none shut]; & to *shut* [& none open]. The key-weilder exercises Lord's rule.

- ii. Key => authority exercised in an official capacity. Open & shut w/ a key => admit entrance & allow exit & shut door prevent entrance or exit. Door marks boundary of whose under authority of key-holder.

2. Not 1st time disciples heard this - Mat 16:13-19

- i. Apostolic key-weilding administers heavenly authority.
- ii. Keys pertain to confession of Jesus as Christ, Son of God.

3. Mat 18:15-20 reception & restoration of straying sheep, principle Dt 19:15 as pattern for church discipline performed by the congregation: *binding & loosing* - expression of gov't of heaven. Orthodox doctrine & practice.

4. Jn 20:23 apostles administer keys evangelism seen in the effect of gospel.

- i. Perfect passives: *have been forgiven & have been retained* = activity of 'heaven': proclaim gospel - those saved & those perish [2C2:15-16].
- ii. Gospel divides men as they receive or reject Jesus & are forgiven or remain in their sins: wh/ is the result of gospel preaching.

05. Apostles [church] entrusted w/ King Jesus' keys wh/ opens & shuts the way in & out of His Kingdom.

- i. Keys concern integrity of gospel & well-being of church; admitting those w/ credible faith & not admitting those w/o evidence of faith.
- ii. Jonathan Leeman [*Baptist Foundations: Church Government for an Anti-Institutional Age*, 2015], p.355, 354.
  - a. Each memb has responsibility of the keys.
  - b. Christ's gov't - Baptism [birth certificate]; Lord's Table [passport].

6. Risen Lord gives us peace & sends us into world supplied w/ His HS & we proclaim gospel & Jesus builds His church as we administer the keys.

7. *The discs therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord!* What a privilege!

8. What a sober stewardship! Jesus is our adequacy [2C 2:16; 3:5]. Ps 115:1