



Grace Notes

Guides for Personal Bible Study

Easter in Motion

John 20:19-23: "On the evening of the first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"

Points to Ponder

1. There were several reasons why Jesus showed himself to his followers after his resurrection. Besides assuring them that he was truly alive, why else did he show himself?
2. When Jesus appeared in the room with the disciples, why did he say, "Peace be with you"? Why could the disciples now be at peace and without fear? Is the same true for us?
3. Because of God's grace and what Jesus did for you, what does God see when he looks at you?
4. In what way is Easter interactive? In other words, what does Jesus' resurrection mean for you too?
5. The Easter message motivates and empowers us to keep the gospel in motion. How can you do that in your life?

The Bottom Line

Jesus' resurrection changes our lives. It gives us peace in the knowledge of our own resurrection someday and motivates us to share that peace with others. It is God's plan for each of us to keep the Easter message in motion for all to hear.

What Else Does God Say?

John 16:33: I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Mark 16:15: Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

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