

PEACE – PURPOSE – POWER



John 20:19-23

Worldwide Crisis



Battling Covid-19



#stayathome



Lockdown In Egypt



John 20

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Lockdown



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That First Evening of The Week



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John Piper

So he has a physical body. But not exactly like ours: the same, yet different. He was simply there in spite of the closed doors.

Which means that today in your life, Jesus can go where no one else can go. He can go where no counselor can go. He can go where no doctor can go. He can reach you, and reach into you, anywhere and any time. There is no place where you are and no depths of personhood that you are which Jesus cannot penetrate.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead fits him to do what no one else can do. There is no one else like him in all the universe. He is alive, and he is the one and only God-Man. What he is capable of you cannot imagine. And it is a healing wonder to contemplate that all the complex layers of your life, which neither you nor anyone else can understand, are familiar territory to him.

Economic Hardship



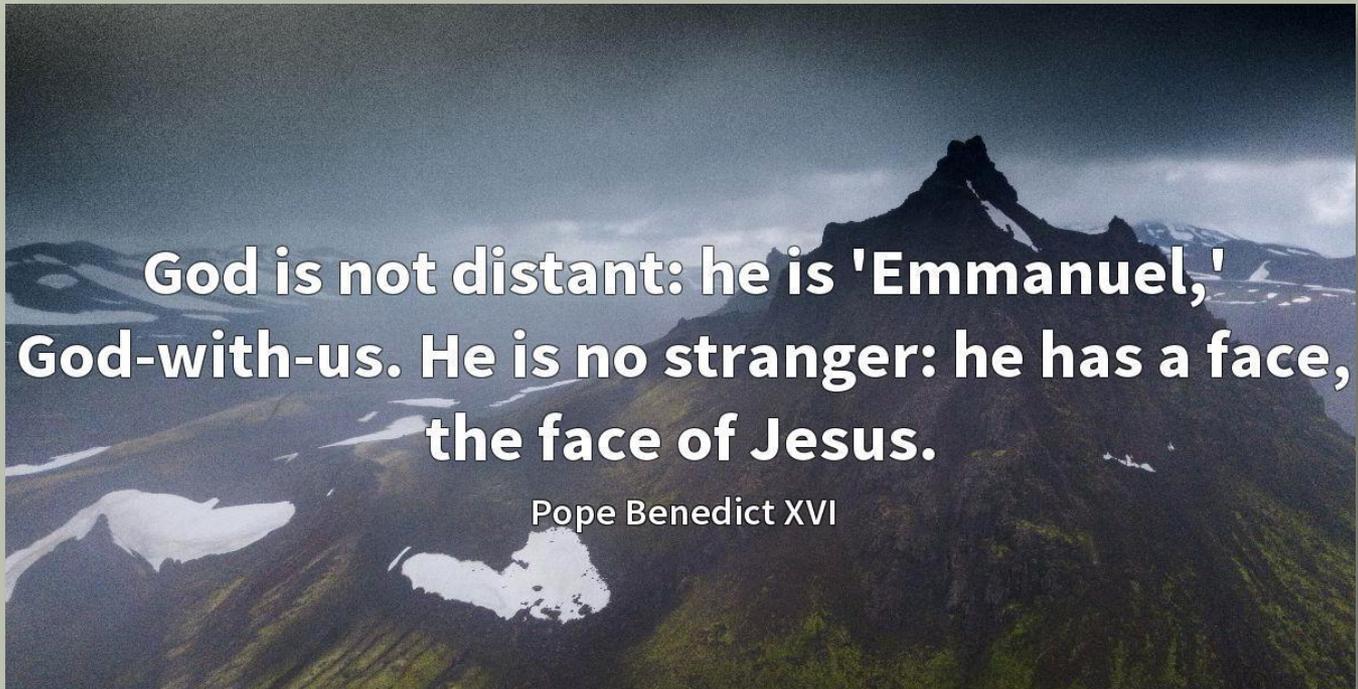
God Sent A Cleaner



The Lord's Gift



Jesus' Presence



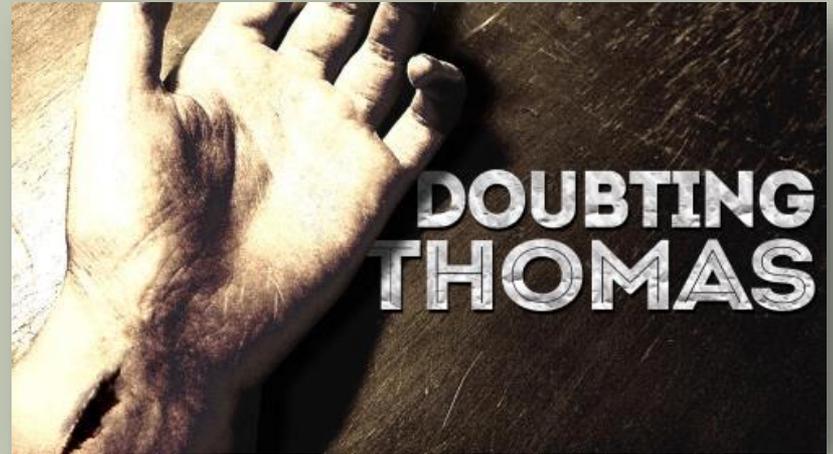
The First Three Sayings

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The First Three Sayings

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”
²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. **Stop doubting and believe.**” *(John 20)*



Eirēnē

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us **peace** was upon him, and by his wounds we are **healed**. *(Isaiah 53)*



Jesus Our Peace

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

(Ephesians 2)



The First Three Sayings

“Peace be with you!

AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME,
I AM SENDING YOU.”

JOHN 20:21

Feeling Lost & Directionless



Commissioned



What Satisfies Jesus

**"JESUS SAID TO THEM, "MY
FOOD IS TO DO THE WILL OF
HIM WHO SENT ME, AND TO
FINISH HIS WORK." "**

JOHN 4:34

Be Ready!



HAVE YOUR **FEET FITTED WITH THE**
PREPARATION OF THE **GOSPEL OF PEACE.**

eph 6:15

I Am Sending You

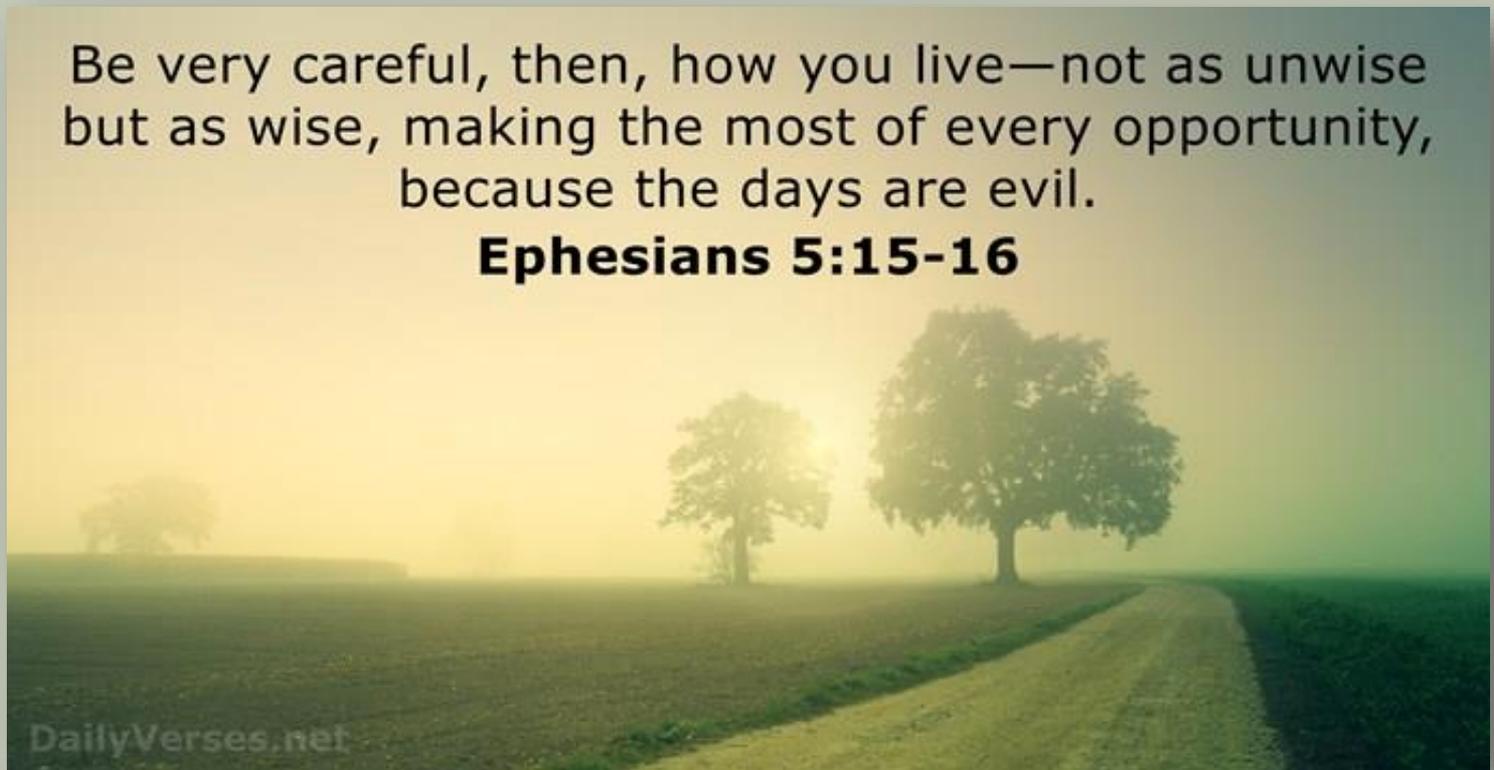
³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, **open your eyes and look at the fields!** They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crops for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. *(John 4)*



Living Wisely

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16



The First Three Sayings



*Then he breathed on them and said,
Receive the Holy Spirit.*

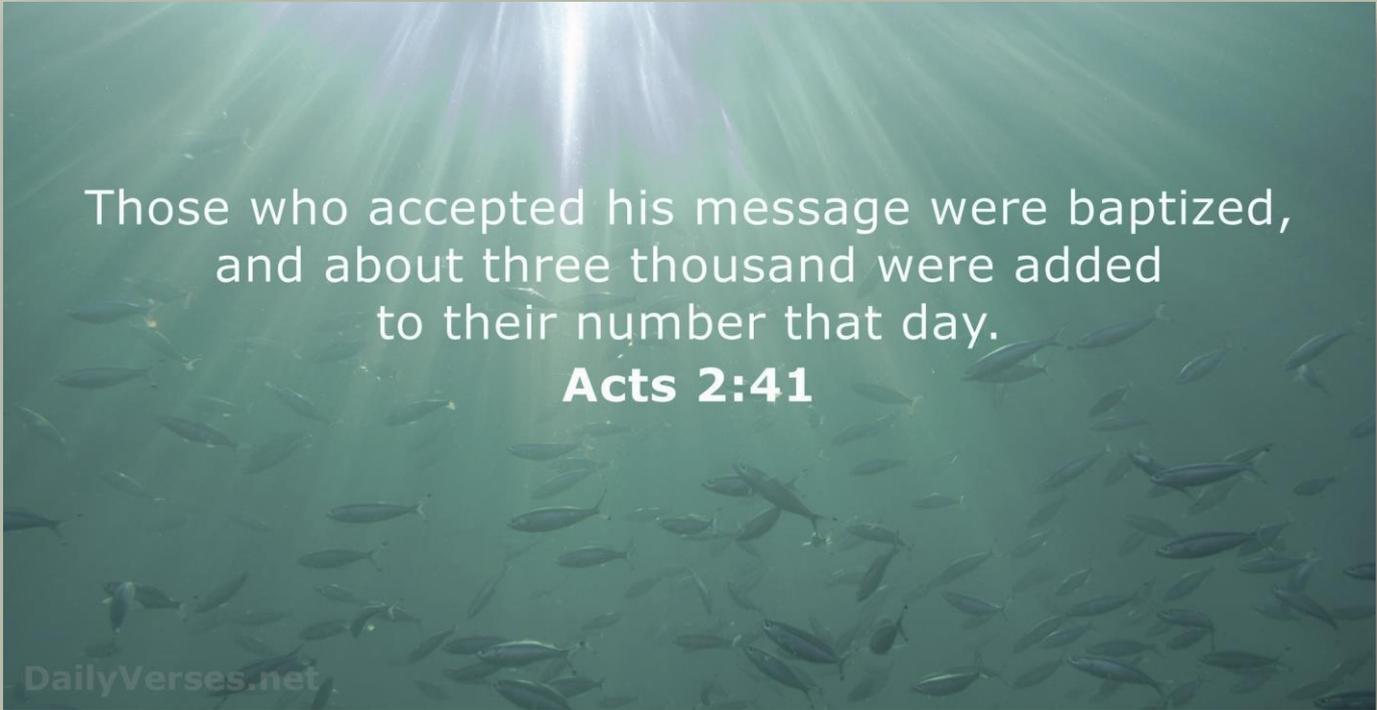
JOHN 20:22 (NLT)

Empowered



⁸ and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' *(Acts 1)*

Transformed

An underwater scene with sunlight rays filtering down from the top, illuminating a large school of small fish swimming in the water.

Those who accepted his message were baptized,
and about three thousand were added
to their number that day.

Acts 2:41

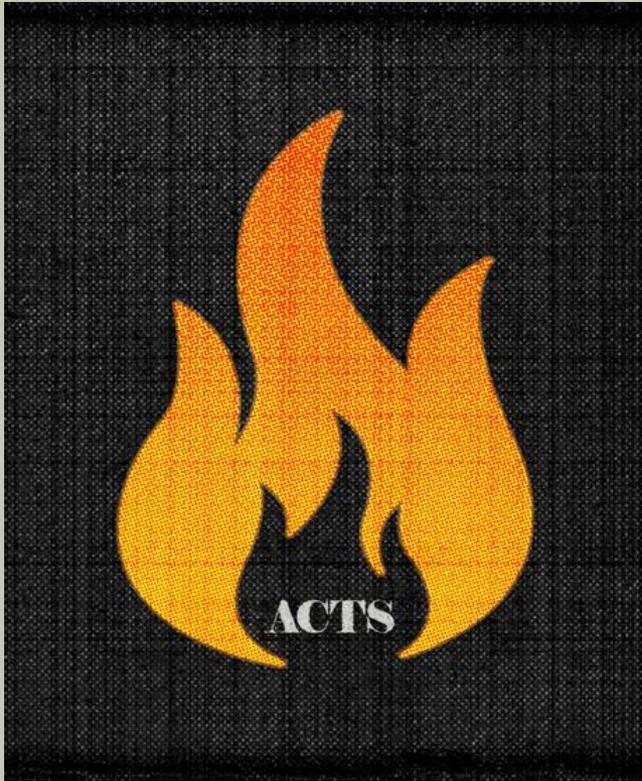
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BUT PETER SAID, " I DON'T HAVE ANY SILVER OR GOLD FOR YOU. BUT, I'LL GIVE YOU WHAT I HAVE.
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST THE NAZARENE, ACTS 3:6-7

GET UP AND WALK!

PETER TOOK THE LAME MAN BY THE HAND AND HELPED HIM
UP. AND AS HE DID, THE MAN'S FEET WERE INSTANTLY
HEALED AND STRENGTHENED.

Transformed



¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, 'Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'

²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.'

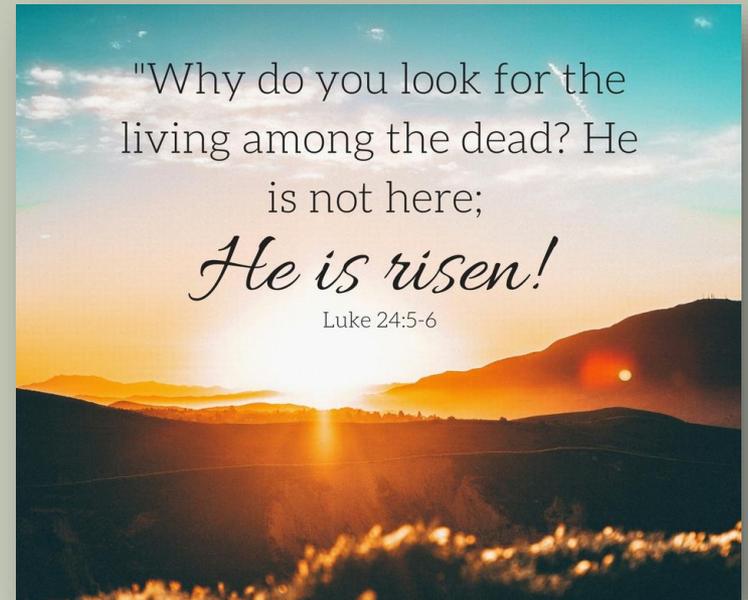
(Acts 4)

Response

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

(1 Corinthians 15)



He Is Risen Indeed!

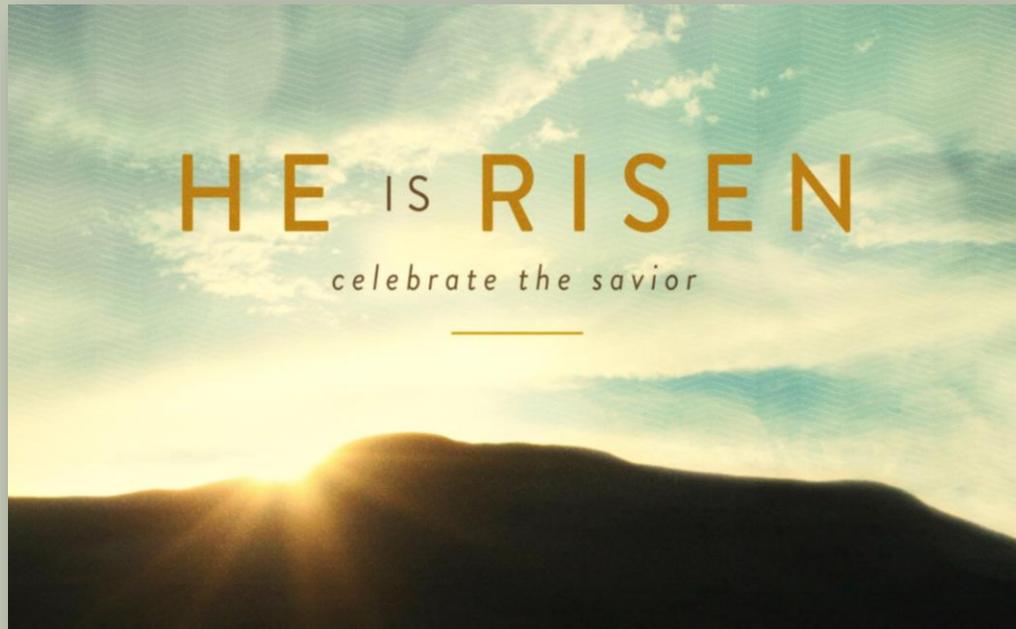
The Church of The Holy Sepulchre



The Garden Tomb



Experience The Living Christ!



PEACE

PURPOSE

POWER



Jesus comes to us and gives us his *peace* with God. Then he gives us *power* to do the kinds of things that mere humans can't do — like defeating our own selfishness, and loving other people, and treasuring Christ above all. And then with that peace and that power he gives us our central purpose for existence: “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

That's our great purpose — in the peace of God, by the power of God, to do the will of God for the glory of God, and for the good of others.

(John Piper)