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All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.  
And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

## John 20:19-23 (1075)

<sup>19</sup> *On the evening of that 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!"*

- **Exodus 20:8-11 (74)** – Sabbath Commandment – God’s finished work of creation
- **John 20:26 (1075), Acts 20:7 (1101), 1Cor 16:2 (1140), Rev 1:10 (1215)**
  - Lord’s Day – God’s finished work of redemption

The Risen Jesus had already appeared to his disciples 4 times that day:

Mary Magdalene, the women, Peter, two disciples on Road to Emmaus

The women, Peter, and John had all seen the Empty Tomb

They had all heard Jesus promise 3 times that he would “on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day rise”

- So what are they afraid of?

<sup>20</sup> *After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*

- Why did Jesus show them his wounds?
  - **Luke 24:36-43 (1048)** – Luke’s account of this appearance
  - **1Cor 15:35-44 (1140)** – Paul on the resurrected body
- What turned their fear into joy?

<sup>21</sup> *Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

<sup>22</sup> *And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

- Promised in **John 14:25-27 (1068)** and **John 16:5-11 (1069)**
- **Genesis 2:7 (2)** – creation of Adam

<sup>23</sup> *If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*<sup>1</sup>

- forgiveness is the essence of the New Covenant – Jeremiah, Lord’s Supper
- **Mark 2:1-12 (991)** – “Who can forgive sins but God alone?”
- **John 3:15-19 (1052)** – reaction to the Good News
- **Acts 2:36-39 (1079), Acts 3:17-20 (1080)** – power to forgive in action

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible : New International Version*. 1996 (electronic ed.) (Jn 20:19–23). Grand Rapids: Zondervan.