



CROSS to CROWN (3)

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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

- 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!” 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’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven” (John 20:19-23)
- While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have” (Luke 24:36-39).

Our Resurrection Bodies

- Jesus' resurrection body
 - When the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them (John 20:19).
 - Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" (John 21:4).
- Characteristics of the resurrected body of Jesus
 - Jesus was a real person, standing on the shore, and speaking.
 - Jesus even bore the scars of the crucifixion.
 - Jesus was unlimited by time, gravity, or space, appearing and disappearing at will.
 - Jesus ate food. He proved to them He wasn't a ghost.
 - The resurrection body will not get sick (Revelation 22:2).
 - It will not experience hunger or thirst (Revelation 7:16).
 - It will be eternal, not changed by contexts and environment (1 Corinthians 15:42).

The Witnesses of the Resurrection

- On the resurrection day
 - Mary Magdalene;
 - Other women;
 - Peter (He appeared to Cephas... 1 Corinthians 15:5).
 - 2 disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-25).
 - Apostles (except Thomas).
- Their responses
 - “Peace be with you” (John 19:19).
 - Fear (They were together, with the doors locked for **fear** of the Jewish leaders, John 20:19).
 - Doubt (Why are you troubled, and why do **doubts** rise in your minds? Luke 24:38).
- Jesus gave a Great Commission
 - “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you... Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven” (John 20:21-23).

Great Commission

- Great Commission 5 times between the resurrection and ascension
 1. The resurrection day John 20:21-23.
 2. In Galilee (Therefore, go 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, to the very end of the age, Matthew 28:19-20).
 3. 11 apostles (Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation, Mark 16:15).
 4. Before the ascension (The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things, Luke 24:46-48).
 5. Right before ascension (You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, Acts 1:8).

Three Parts of the Great Commission (1)

1. Salvation: The purpose of the gospel

- **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you (John 20:21).**
- The reason why Father sent Jesus into the world: **Save the lost.**
- For the Son of Man came to seek and to **save the lost** (Luke 19:10).
- For the Son of Man has come to **save** that which was lost. (Matthew 18:11, KJV)
- If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to **save the world** (John 12:47).
- What is your plan?
 - We are here to carry out this generation the gospel commission. Remember that the Lord sends us the same way the Father sent Him.
 - What are your gospel strategy?



Thanks for Your Faithful Ministry



Three Parts of the Great Commission (2)

2. The ministry of the Holy Spirit

- He breathed on them and said, “**Receive the Holy Spirit**” (John 20:22).
- His ministry with the Holy Spirit
 - As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him (Matthew 3:16).
 - But when the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth (John 16:13).
 - You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... (Acts 1:8).
- Evangelizing in the power of the Holy Spirit
 - The disciples cannot do God's work on their own, so Jesus gives them the Holy Spirit to empower them.
 - For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but **the one** who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way (2 Thessalonians 2:7).
 - If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ (Romans 8:9).

Three Parts of the Great Commission (3)

3. The gospel is the message of forgiveness

- **If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven** (John 20:23).
- Who can forgive sin?
 - Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that **through Jesus** the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. **Through him** everyone who believes is set free from every sin (Acts 13:38-39).
 - I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not **believe** that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins (John 8:24).
- Forgiveness is based on what a person does with Jesus Christ
 - Jesus authorizes his followers to declare or withhold God's forgiveness based on their response to the Gospel.
 - It is the authority of God (not mine). I am just a messenger.
 - The gospel is about forgiveness based on repentance and faith in Christ.

Go to the World

- The risen Lord's command: Go to the world;
 - Just as the Father sent the son, the Son sends you and me.
 - Go to the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Preach what Jesus preached: Repent and be forgiven. Believe Jesus and their sins are forgiven; Reject Jesus and they will die in their sins.
- The power of testimonies of eyewitnesses
 - The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe (John 19:35).
 - Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." (John 4:39).
 - So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" (John 20:25).

The Resurrection Changes Everything

- Thomas' testimony
 - 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!" 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:23-29).
- My Lord, my God
 - Lord (master/ruler), God (divine deity, Creator).
 - I'm not my own. I am not my master and lord. I am bought. I am owned. I am subject. I have no authority anymore in myself. It belongs entirely to Jesus who is my Lord.