

Easter Sunday April 12, 2020

La Jolla Christian Fellowship

The Revolution Begins

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John 20:19-23

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."

The foundations Christ's revolutionary kingdom are built upon are a bulwark of

Peace, Life and Forgiveness

Gripped by fear: Vs. 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.

- **5401** *phóbos* pronounced Fob-oss (from *phebomai*, "to flee, withdraw") – *fear* (from Homer about 900 bc on) [5401](#) (*phóbos*) meant *withdrawal*, fleeing because feeling inadequate (without sufficient *resources*)
- Jesus disperses fear in a way which has become common to him, by ignoring fears, obstacles and dwelling among his people.
 - **Vs. 19** Jesus came and stood among them.

Jesus Arrives with Resource and Commission

Peace: Vs. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!"

Life: Vs. 21-22 As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he **breathed** on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

- **Breath:** This word literally means to inflate.
- **Pneuma:** A word signifying the breath of life.

Forgiveness: Vs. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

- Jesus arms his revolutionary followers with a weapon to end all wars. Forgiveness.