

Lesson 6
Living Eastered Lives (3): The Mission of Resurrection
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Objective: Using **John 20.19-23** as our basis and starting point, I want us to consider how Jesus' resurrection has changed everything about us and about our world. It is the event that signals the coming of God's promised New Creation, a New Creation that we have entered into and are learning to live out now. The Resurrection of Jesus answers the major questions of our lives, where are we, who are we, and what are to do about it? We will consider these sorts of questions in this lesson.

1. The Text (John 20.19-23)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold the sins of anyone, it is withheld.'

2. The Over-Arching Theme of the Gospel of John: New Creation

a. The Prologue, a New Creation Week (1.1-14)

b. The Eight Signs of the Gospel

- Water into wine (2.1-11)
- The official's son (4.46-54)
- The paralyzed man at the pool (5.2-9)
- Multiplication of the loaves (6.1-14)
- The man born blind (9.1-7)
- The raising of Lazarus (11.1-44)
- The crucifixion (19.1-37)
- The resurrection (20.1-29)

c. The Climax of the Creation Week

- Friday (19.1-37)
- Saturday (19.38-41)
- Sunday (20.1-29)

3. New Day, New Tasks

a. What time/day is it? – The First Day of the Week

b. The New Reality of the Resurrection - Peace

c. The Perspective of the Resurrection - Gladness

d. The Identity of the Resurrection – (Sent, Alive, Truth-Teller)