

The Most Unexpected

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19On 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!"²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

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

The most frightening reality: Jesus lives
God's holiness means wrath
God's judgment is final
God's abandonment brings fear
God's faithfulness causes shame

The most needed message: Peace
Jesus comes to them
Jesus speaks to them
Jesus comforts them
Jesus restores them

The most amazing assignment: Sending
Sent to represent Jesus
Sent to proclaim Jesus
Sent to model Jesus
Sent to fulfill Jesus

The most necessary presence: The Holy Spirit
The Spirit abides
The Spirit purifies
The Spirit transforms
The Spirit enables

The most important ministry: forgiveness
Forgiveness is necessary
Forgiveness is Christlike
Forgiveness is enlightening
Forgiveness is saving

What is Jesus most expecting for me today?