

THE HANDOFF OF JESUS

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Experiencing The Passion of Jesus, part 9

BIG IDEA: The resurrection of Jesus was and is a launchpad for the continuing work of Jesus through us—he has not stopped working!

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.”

1. The risen Savior has CHANGED, and everything is now ripple-effecting out from there.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go...” **Matthew 28:18-19a**

“the punishment that brought us *shalom* was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.” **Isaiah 53:5**

2. Peace comes to us through the WOUNDS of the risen Jesus—it is victory through suffering. (Col. 1:19-20)

3. We are COMMISIONED and launched to carry this resurrection reality into our dark, sin-sick world—to bring the *shalom* with us!

“sent”

“Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names” **Philippians 2:6-9 NLT**

“He breathed them, receive the Holy Spirit.”

“Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” **Genesis 2:7** (Ezek. 37:4-6)

“Your sins are forgiven. You are clean.”

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” **James 5:16 NLT**

QUESTIONS: ¹ Have you trusted him to save you? ² Are you living in sync with this new resurrected reality? ³ Do you see yourself as a “sent one”? ⁴ What would you do differently if you saw yourself that way? ⁵ Do you need a fresh breathing of the Spirit in you? Then, ask! ⁶ Do you know you are authorized to make forgiveness real to people? ⁷ How can you practice this in the coming weeks?