

April 27, 2025
“Behind Closed Doors”
(John 20:19-31)

On that first Easter Sunday, the disciples were not just too _____ -- they were downright _____!

These shell-shocked disciples are living in _____ of the dreaded _____ on the door that means they’ll be next!

_____ shut them out and _____ locked them up!

Ours is a world that is _____ and _____.

The worst of the disciples’ fears had come true and now they found themselves caught in a _____ of anxiety!

Jesus loved these people too much to wait for them to _____ the door! As the saying says; “Love _____ at our locks!”

Boldly, persistently, _____ the risen Savior came back into their lives!

Jesus could have held their denial up to them, but he didn’t! Instead, he said; “_____ be with you!”

They needed to be released from their _____ and set free from the _____ and anxiety that locked them in!

They needed what only Christ could give them: forgiveness, _____, and a reason for _____!

He gave them _____. He set them _____. He made them _____ again!

That’s what the peace of Christ is all about: Being _____ to the _____ that God created us in!

Henry Ward Beecher: “Every morning has two handles to open the new day – one is the handle of _____ and the other the handle of _____.”

Jesus opened the door of _____ for the disciples!

That’s the good news today: There is no _____ that can shut us apart from God!

No matter how dreadful our problems are, Jesus says to us that with His _____, _____ is possible!

There is _____ for all of us in this Age of _____!

There is _____ when we feel like giving up! – There is _____ when we are tempted to _____!

There is One who can enter any _____! ...

There is One who can overcome any _____! ...

There is One who can bring _____ to every _____ heart!

That One holds out His hands to us today, and shows us His side and says, “Peace be with you! – Do not be doubting! – But believe!”

Amen

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