

“Peace Be with You”

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Acts 2.14-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

Way in –

In a troubled world, in troubled lives, our Risen Lord comes to us as the Prince of Peace.

Peace – Shalom:

When nothing is more needed than peace, Jesus said: “Peace be with you” (repeated greetings in John 20 19,21,26)

‘Shalom’- an unqualified well-being that comes knowing God and having been reconciled with God.

1. Peace that dispels fear (John 20.19-30) and behold joy!
See Peter in Acts 2
2. Peace that comes from the Holy Spirit which enables forgiveness be unleashed
(John 20.21-23)

Jesus did not come back for revenge but to bring peace.

Followers of Jesus live patient and reconciliatory – 1 Peter 1.3-9

3. Peace that comes from believing and doubting no more (John 20.24-29)

Over to us – what is our response to the trouble and trials around us?

1. Entrust our lives to God and let His peace governs our wellbeing
2. Receive God’s peace and be enabled to live reconciliatorily
3. Believe in Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the rock for our lives and be well.