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¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among

them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them

and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

[John 20:19-23]

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1) Jesus is alive

2) ...and sends his apostles in the power of the Spirit

-ASIDE: has Pentecost come early? (cf. Luke 24:44-49; Acts 2:1-41)

3) ...to take his life-giving word to the world

-ASIDE: is the church called to do everything Jesus did? (cf. John 14:12, John 5:20-24)

Application:

-Praise Jesus that his mission is on track

-Get behind Jesus' mission

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- 1) Why is it helpful to remind ourselves that the last 2000 years of history have been shaped by the mission of the risen Jesus?
- 2) How can we make sure that our lives are shaped by the mission of the risen Jesus?