



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 1 John 1:1–2:2 (NIV)

### The Incarnation of the Word of Life

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

<sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

<sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

### Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

<sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

<sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

<sup>2</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

<sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

**Acts 4:32-35**

**Psalm 133**



## CHURCH SERVICES

1 April 11 am **West** ~ Jennifer Battle



## John 20:19-31 (NIV)

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>19</sup> 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!”

<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

### Jesus Appears to Thomas

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

### The Purpose of John’s Gospel

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The meaning of life is to give life meaning. ~Ken Hudgins

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Beth and Peter Scorgie. Each of them has a range of medical problems at the moment.
- We give thanks for family reunions and get-togethers which have started to happen again.
- We pray for all those people around the world who are anxious about Covid19, and the vaccine.
- We give thanks for the colour and beauty around us at the moment.

### Meg's Musings

Our garden is looking pretty at the moment, and I am enjoying it. However, it isn't just the plant life that is absorbing my interest.

Birds, butterflies and bees are also busy in the garden, and it can be quite special to see them busily feeding on the pollens.

Along with the good comes the bad! The slaters are making a meal of any tender young plants which I try to nurture. They think that they have been placed in the garden, and pots, for them to devour.

We choose not to use poisons, as our yard is also home to some blue-tongued lizards. It is difficult to encourage some wildlife, and to ensure that other creatures don't wreck things.... a bit of a balancing act.

Our Christian life can also be something of a balancing act. We have all encountered Christians who try and force Christianity down peoples' throats. It doesn't work, and can do a lot of harm.

When should we make our faith obvious to other people? The answer lies in listening to God, and heeding what he has to say to us... and then acting!

God knows what others are seeking, and can help us to meet their needs. That takes faith, and courage, but God provides the strength we need for the task.

Trust him !

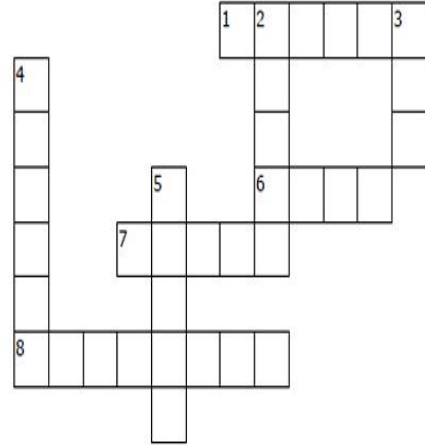
Blessings from Meg



## Seeing Is Believing

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 20:19-31.



### ACROSS

- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- An entrance into a building or room
- A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
- Unwilling to believe that something is true

### DOWN

- The body parts at the end of the arms
- To observe with your eyes
- Not open
- To believe in something for which there is no proof

"God is only as strong as your belief in him."

~ Sachin Kumar Puli

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22 April ~ Mavis Chaffey  
28 April ~ Jean Stratford



Whatever is worrying you right now, forget about it.

Take a deep breath and trust in God.~ anon



My Doctor asked me to spend at least one hour per day on the treadmill.  
~anon

### PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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