

# Peel Valley Congregation Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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#### Acts 5:27-32 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.

<sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us quilty of this man's blood."

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!

<sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

<sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

## Revelations 1:4-8 (NIV) Greetings and Doxology

⁴ John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

7 "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

There are hundreds of languages, but a smile speaks them all. ~ anon

#### Psalm 150 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet.

praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

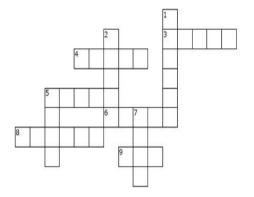
<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

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

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)





#### ACROSS

- To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
- Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
- 5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
- The body parts at the end of the arms
- 8. Not open

#### DOWN

- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- 2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
- An entrance into a building or room
- 7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

#### CHURCH SERVICES

1 May 11 am West ~ Jennifer Battle







- > We pray for the Stratford and Pryor families. Jean Stratford died recently - just short of her 99th birthday.
- > We pray for the many people who have Covid19, or are recovering from it.
- ➤ We continue our prayers for the people of Ukraine.
- We give thanks for the ANZAC's.
- > We continue to pray for Shirley Whitten.



#### Meg's Musings

At the moment several homes in our neighbourhood are being renovated.

There are "Tradies" trucks and trailers on the street, and the sounds of power tools being used, and hammers being struck.

Some people are continuing to live in their homes, despite the disruption, whilst others have moved out to avoid the stress and the mess.

The process stretches out, while people yearn for their house to be completed, and hope that the design/colours/appliances which they have chosen all work out for the best.

We don't get "Tradies" in for renovations in our personal lives, but change is a continual process. Sometimes we may need to make some extra space in our lives for God. Perhaps we need to come to terms with new realities; maybe we need to grow our attitudes, and our perspectives.

Sometimes it's the equivalent of simply repainting a room. At other times, a major renovation is required.

Are you allowing God the freedom to change, and to grow, you?

Blessing from Meg







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#### 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.

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!"

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."

28 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.

#### 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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