



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## John 20:19-31 (NLT)

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>19</sup> That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said.

<sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!

<sup>21</sup> Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

<sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

### Jesus Appears to Thomas

<sup>24</sup> One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup> They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said.

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

<sup>28</sup> "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

### Purpose of the Book

<sup>30</sup> The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book.

<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

## I Peter 1:3-9 (NLT)

### The Hope of Eternal Life

<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, <sup>4</sup> and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

<sup>5</sup> And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

<sup>6</sup> So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.

<sup>7</sup> These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

<sup>8</sup> You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.

<sup>9</sup> The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

### Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalms 16



Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.

~ Dr Suess

### CHURCH SERVICES

23 April 11am West ~ Sue Budden



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Nance Matthews as she travels to Sydney for hip replacement surgery.
- We pray for Paul Turner who has shingles.
- Our prayers for the people of Ukraine continue.
- We give thanks for all of the volunteers at Fabulous Finds, and for everyone who has donated goods.
- We pray for safe travel for everyone during the school holidays.



Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark. In effect, the people who change our lives the most begin to sing to us while we are still in darkness. If we listen to their song, we will see the dawning of a new part of ourselves.

~ Rabindranath Tagore



### Meg's Musings

This week I watched a TV programme about birds in city environments.

One of the birds which featured was the Sulphur-Crested Cockatoo.

The Cockies were filmed opening up the lids of garbage bins, and using their beaks to retrieve bits of food out of the bins.

They also discarded non-food items onto the road.....making a mess, and annoying the people who owned the bins.

The Cockies are very clever birds. They know to lift the red lids of bins, rather than yellow or green lids.

So far the humans have come up with strategies to make lifting the bin lids more difficult.

Perhaps if people chose instead to set up bird feeding stations, the Cockies would be less inclined to ransack the bins.

There are ways around every problem - some answers are simple, and others require much more effort.

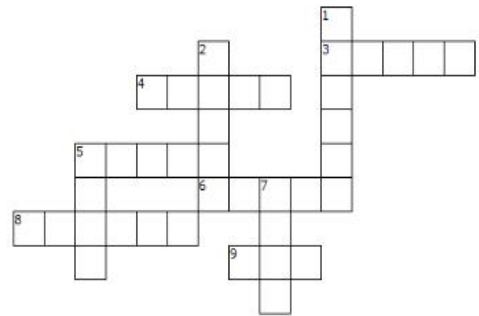
God's answer to the problem of human weakness and sin was to send his Son to be our Saviour - an answer which required enormous sacrifice and love.

Blessing from Meg

### Believe It or Not!

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

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

#### DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. 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

Faith is like wifi, it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.

~ unknown



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

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