Jesus In Our Midst John 20:19-22

The Essence of our Christian faith is "Jesus in the MIDST."

Jesus has <u>Always</u> <u>Been</u> in the <u>MIDST</u> of ALL that God is. (Col. 1:16; Ex. 8:22; Jer. 14:9; Dan. 3:25; Matt. 18:20; John 19:18; John 20:26)

Today, John tells us some **BENEFITS** of having Jesus in our **MIDST**...

1. JESUS IN OUR MIDST MAKES US <u>PEACEFUL</u>. (v.19)

- When we Finally <u>Realize</u> we <u>Can't Handle</u> Everything, we've taken the FIRST Step to Bringing God's <u>Peace</u> into our hearts. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- WHY shouldn't WE be <u>Afraid OR Troubled?</u> Jesus is in our <u>MIDST!</u> (John 14:27)

2. JESUS IN OUR MIDST MAKES US <u>JOYFUL</u>. (v.20)

- Jesus tells us we have Many Reasons to, "Be Of Good Cheer"
- 1. We have **FORGIVENESS** for our **Past**: (Matthew 9:2)
- 2. We have **COMFORT** for our **Present**: (Matthew 14:27)
- 3. We have **VICTORY** for our **Future**: (John 16:33)

3. JESUS IN OUR MIDST MAKES US <u>USEFUL</u>. (v. 21)

- As Christian Servants, there are at least FOUR Things we Ought to be:
- 1. A MOUTH that Speaks for Jesus.
- 2. FEET that Go Places for Jesus.
- 3. HANDS that Do the Work of Jesus.
- 4. Have a HEART that Loves like Jesus.
- WE are Gloves & CHRIST is the Hand.

4. JESUS IN OUR MIDST MAKES US POWERFUL. (v. 22)

- What "Animates" the bodies we live in? (Psalm 33:6; 2 Timothy 3:16)
- It's the *Powerful <u>Breath</u> of God* that *Causes <u>US</u>* to become <u>Instruments</u> of *His Grace* & *Help Others* to *Know Him*.
- <u>BUT</u> to receive this power...we must first <u>DIE</u>...Die to <u>SELF</u>.
- There's <u>NOTHING GOD</u> can't do through <u>US!</u> ...<u>IF</u> Jesus is in our <u>MIDST!</u>
- What is God's Promise to YOU today?
- Peace, Joy, Purpose & Power with Jesus Christ in your MIDST.