



## **Sermon Notes: "The Mission Completed"**

**John 20:19-22; John 19:28-30**

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### **LESSONS BEHIND LOCKED DOORS:**

John 20:19-22

- He came to them in their fear, doubt and confusion, offering Peace.
- God doesn't always remove our wounds. He redeems them.

### **THE EVIDENCE:**

#### **1. The Empty Tomb**

#### **2. The Transformed Disciples**

#### **3. The Willingness to Die**

- The resurrection is not a leap of faith. It is the most reasonable explanation for the evidence.
- The resurrection proves that everything Jesus said and did was true.

### **IT IS FINISHED:**

John 19:28-30

- There is nothing left for you to add to your salvation.

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## **SO WHAT?**

### **What "locked room" are you hiding in?**

- The fact that we hide at all is evidence that we need a Savior.
- Jesus doesn't wait on the other side of your locked door. He's already in the room.

### **For Study, Reflection, Discussion During the Week:**

**Life Group ICEBREAKER:** Have you ever been in a situation where you were hiding from something or someone — physically, emotionally, or spiritually? What finally made you come out of hiding?

### **REVIEW:**

Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? What was it and why did it resonate with you?

### **READ: John 20:19-22**

- The disciples were hiding behind locked doors, afraid and uncertain. Can you think of a time when fear caused you to "lock the door" and pull away — from God, from people, or from what He was calling you to? What did Jesus do in that moment for you, or what do you wish He had done?
- Jesus walked through locked doors and His first words were, "Peace be with you." He didn't wait for the disciples to get it together first. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus shows up in our fear and confusion rather than waiting for us to have it all figured out?
- Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." The disciples went from hiding to being sent. What do you think changed in them? What needs to change in you to move from hiding to being sent?

### **READ: John 19:28-30**

- "Tetelestai" — It is finished. This was the word stamped on a paid debt. Jesus declared that the full price was paid. Where in your life are you still trying to add something to what Jesus already finished — through performance, guilt, striving, or people-pleasing? What would it look like to live like the debt is paid?
- The sermon said, "God doesn't always remove our wounds. He redeems them." Jesus rose with the wounds still visible — not as signs of defeat, but as proof of victory. How have you seen God redeem a wound, a scar, or a painful season in your own life or someone else's?
- The evidence for the resurrection — the empty tomb, the transformed disciples, the willingness to die for what they saw — was presented on Sunday. How does the historical evidence for the resurrection strengthen your faith, and how do you use that evidence when talking to someone who doubts?

### **DEPLOY:**

1. **Identify Your Locked Door.** This week, name the one thing that has been keeping you at arm's length from Jesus — fear, shame, doubt, apathy, busyness. Write it down. Then, prayerfully surrender it to Him and share it with someone in your group or a trusted friend.
2. **Live "It Is Finished" This Week.** Each morning this week, before you start the day, say out loud: "The debt is paid. I walk in the freedom Jesus finished." Notice how it changes the way you approach your day, your relationships, and the pressures you carry.

### **Don't Forget:**

- Consider volunteering at VBS this year, June 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> talk to Shaun for more information
- Next week Mexico Trip Update! Don't miss it!
- Graduation Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>!
- VBS Week: June 8<sup>th</sup> -12

### **Prayer:**

*Father,*

*Thank You for Easter — not just as a date on the calendar, but as the turning point of all of history. Thank You that Jesus walked through locked doors to find frightened, confused people and spoke peace over them. Find us where we are hiding. Speak peace into our fear. Remind us that we don't have to have it all figured out for You to show up. Lord, help us to truly receive what it means that it is finished — that there is nothing more to earn, nothing more to prove, and nothing left to pay. Free us from striving. Free us from shame. And send us. As the Father sent You, send us into our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our families, and our world — with the same peace You spoke over that upper room. May the resurrection not just be something we celebrate on Sundays, but something that changes the way we live every single day.*