

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO



— JOHN —

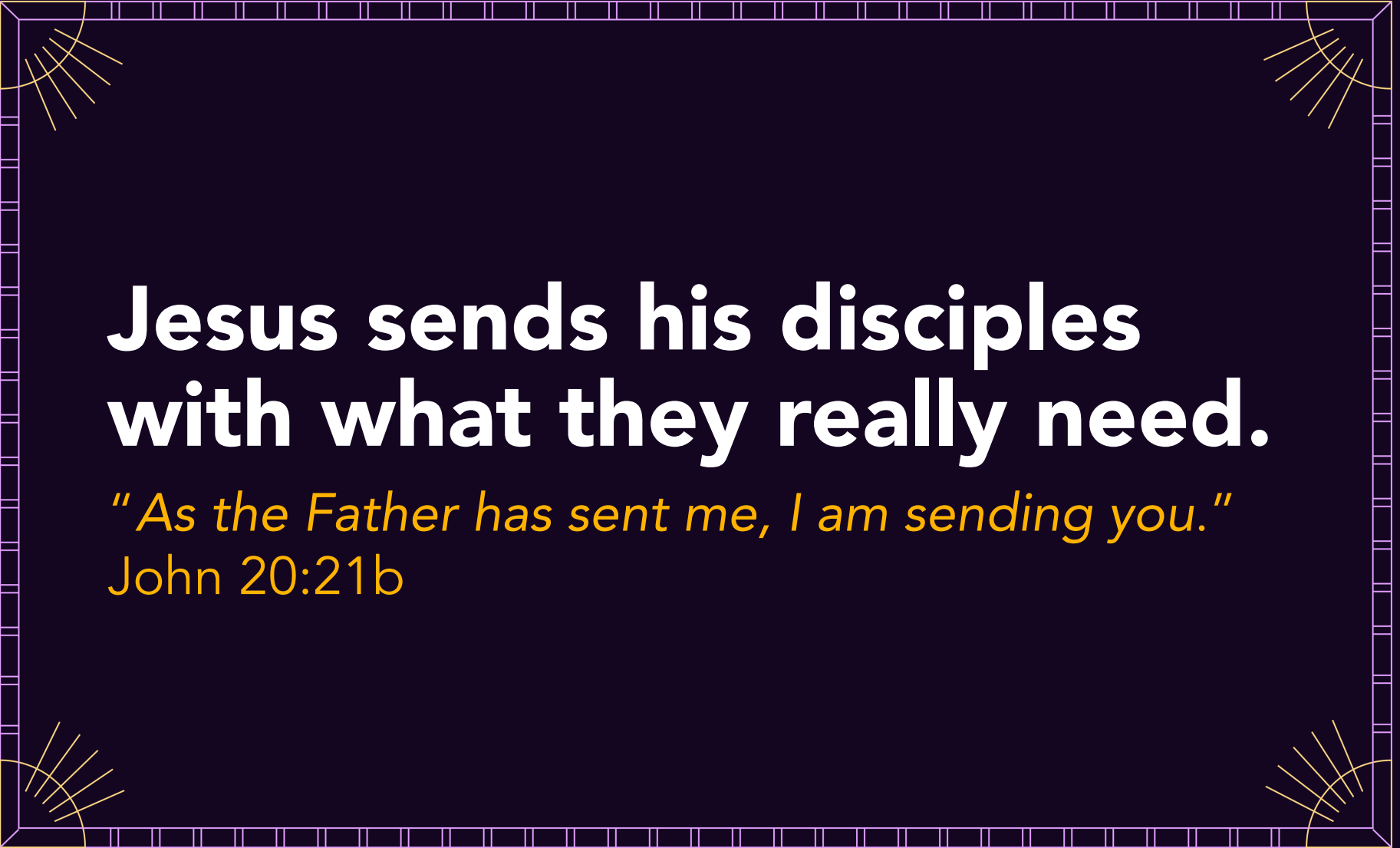


JOHN 20:19-23

SCRIPTURE READING



Our selves and deeds are lost in the inevitability of death.
The only alleviation is remembrance and afterlife.
But these have their own corruptions.
Who can enter this ruin for good?



Jesus sends his disciples with what they really need.

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
John 20:21b

1. TESTIMONY

He gives peace

Jesus convincingly appeared to his disciples
alive and with wounds.

John 20:19-20

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.”



He's alive.

"...many convincing proof that he was alive."

– Acts 1:3

10 Apostles,
2 Marys, Salome,
2 Emmaus disciples...



With wounds



2. MEANING

He gives power

Jesus first gave illumination
before confirmation



John 20:22

“...And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit...’”



When do they
receive the Holy Spirit?
Now or 40ish days
later?



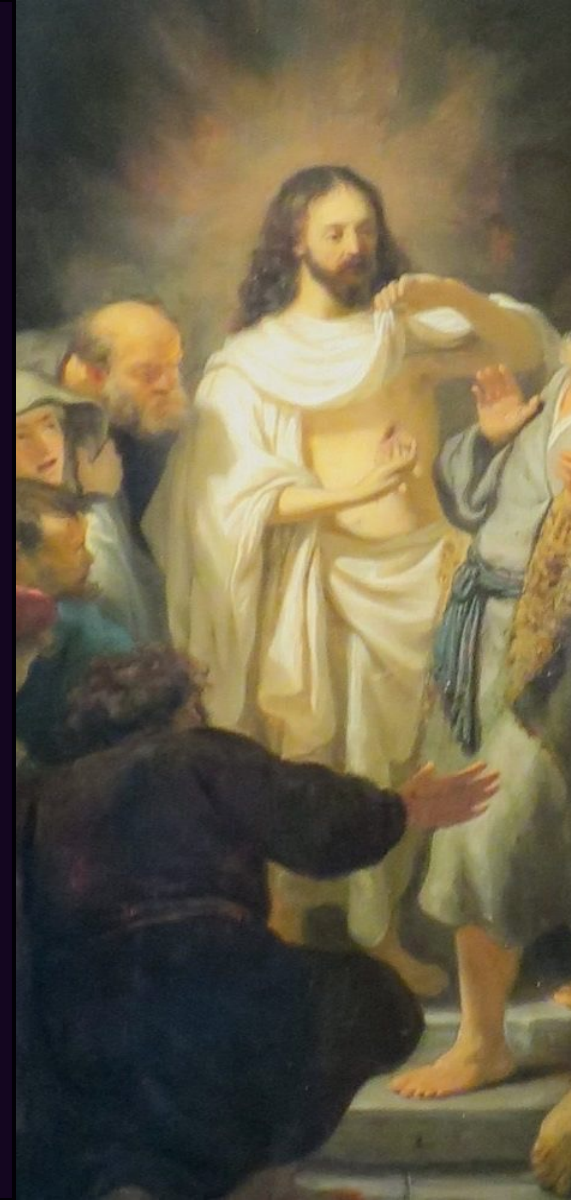
Luke 24:44-48

*"...opened their minds
to understand the
scriptures..."*

Luke 24:31-32 NIBO

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'"



John 14:26-27

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."



3. SIGNIFICANCE

He gives Authority

Our words direct salvation and
damnation, redemption and destruction.



John 20:23

“...If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

"Binding and loosing"

John 20:19-23

Matthew 16:16-20

Matthew 18:14-20

1 Corinthians 5:3-11

1 Timothy 5:21-22



Don't hurt
them



Go find
them



Forgive
them



Contrast:

The Disciples,
after seeing the
empty tomb,
were hiding,
doors locked up,
and lying low.



**Peace be
with you**

*"Even as the
Father sent me, I
am sending you."*



I am sending you...

The Gospel has been
accomplished.

It hasn't been made known.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried.*

APOSTLE'S CREED

On the third day he rose again.

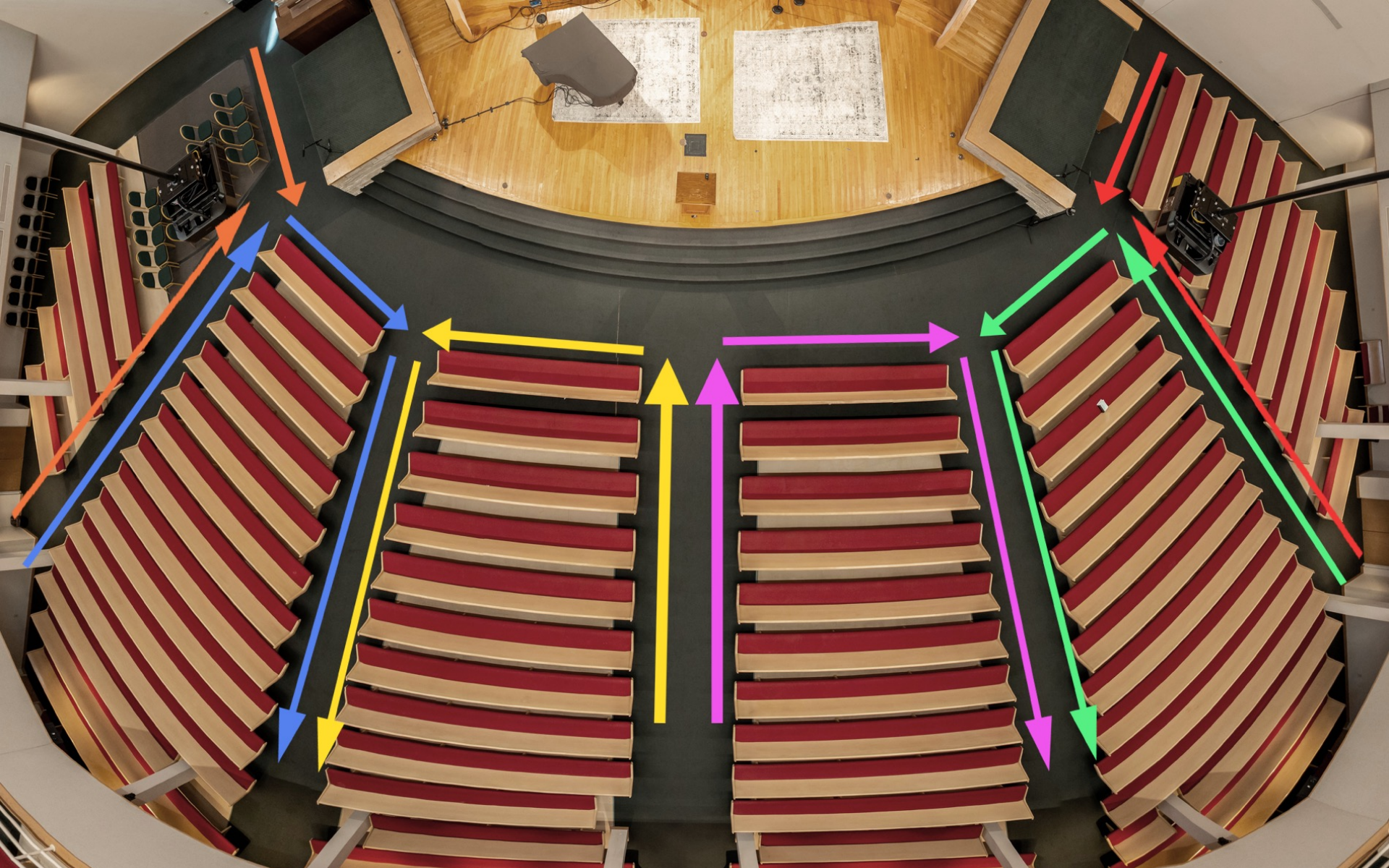
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.



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