

## How to Minister like Jesus did to His Saints

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 & John 20:19-31

**Singing:** 285:1-4 – 83:1 – 29:1-3 – 152:1, 3, 5 – 71:1, 3, 4

Intro: All saints of God are called to be co-laborers with Christ: Eph. 4:12-16

### Examples of Jesus on how you as His people are to minister to believers (2)

#### III. Jesus' example how you minister to **fearful & unassured believers**: 21:19-29

A. The disciples were gripped with fear (vs. 19) mixed with shame

B. Fear is often found in young believers due to the *weakness of faith*

C. Jesus' examples teaches us *how* to minister to the "fearful saints of God."

1. Jesus came to them and stood among them (John 20:19; Ezek. 34:4-6)

2. Jesus proclaimed *Peace be unto you* (His disciples)

3. Jesus shewed unto them His hands/feet/side (Lk 24:38-39)

4. Jesus stooped to draw them out of their fears (Lk. 24:40-43; John 20:27)

Takeaway: As saints of God, you are equipped to be His instrument to bless!

Dear children,

This morning we continue to learn about how Jesus helped His disciples. All of them were confused about His death. Most of them were fearful. Each of them needed His help. How wonderful that Jesus looked them up and helped them to believe in Him!

But the questions you need to think about is, “Am I Jesus’ disciple? Am I following His teaching? Am I trusting Him as the Savior?”

Perhaps you are afraid of God or of dying. Now, I do think that it is good to have respect for God. It is even good to be afraid of Him as you have sinned against Him. Still God does not want you to live in fear. Instead He wants you to be filled with love for and hope in Him.

So try to listen and learn about Jesus helping His fearful disciples. But pray that you may not just learn but that you love and trust Him for your soul.

### **Questions about the disciples:**

1. What made the disciples hide in a room with closed doors?
2. What were Jesus’ first words when He met them?
3. When the disciples did not yet believe, what did He do to help them believe?
4. What is God’s message ‘written’ in scars on Jesus’ hands and feet?
5. What did Luke tell us Jesus did to really convince His disciples it was He?

### **Questions about you:**

1. What are the things that make you fearful? Share them with your parents and pray about them to God.
2. The disciples were also afraid to meet Him again because they failed Him. If you are afraid of God, why is that?
3. Jesus never said anything to discourage His disciples. What things did you learn about Jesus that would encourage you to go to Him?