

He is risen

Now that is a weird concept. Someone being dead and then being alive again.

What we need to realise is that **When people meet a risen Jesus-He affects them.**

Matthew 28;8-10

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Note: fear and great joy. Really how would you react to news like this?

Notice Jesus says "greetings" maybe we can translate that into Australian "giddy"

And look what happens-they worship- they know how to react.

Lets look at another circumstance.

John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Note: doors locked-comes back from the dead then walks into closed rooms -this guy is different.

Note Jesus says Peace be with you. He wouldn't need to say it if the disciples weren't freaking out

And he says it to us right now as we freak out with all the virus stuff going on. He comes into our lives and says peace be with you, that's not easy to take on- there are elements of fear and anxiety about life at present.

Yet Jesus says peace be with you. We need to sink into that concept that Jesus who is capable of rising from the dead and walking thru walls can give us a peace in the middle of it all.

As Mary then the disciples were affected by Jesus-
We need to allow Jesus to affect us.

One more impact.

John 20:26-29

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus even affects people who don't get it. Thomas wasn't around when Jesus saw the rest of the disciples and he thinks they are crazy when they told him Jesus was alive.

Here Jesus reacts specifically to Thomas' unbelief.

He responds to ours as well. If we feel Jesus is a long way away, he comes to us. He prompts, drops thoughts in our minds, the Holy Spirit works in our lives. He deals with our individual doubts, fears, feelings, when we are freaking out because things aren't working or don't make sense-Jesus comes to us.

He can come to us, thru walls, thru fears, through sickness and thru corona viruses

Because **He's risen, He's alive.** That's what Easter is about.

Jesus wants to affect us. And I get the feeling that He wants us to know that He's got this. Its right, it might be inconvenient and scary -but He's got this.

This easter-Jesus has got it.