

Luke 24:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Jesus appears: 'And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.' While disciples discussed resurrection appearances, 'Jesus himself stood in the midst of them' (αὐτὸς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἔστη ἐν μέσῳ αὐτῶν, *autos ho Iēsous estē en mesō autōn*). His sudden appearance ('stood') suggests supernatural entry (John 20:19 notes doors were locked). His greeting: 'Peace be unto you' (Εἰρήνη ὑμῖν, *Eirēnē hymin*), the standard Jewish greeting but now loaded with meaning. Jesus brings peace through resurrection—peace with God (Romans 5:1), peace of God (Philippians 4:7), and peace between peoples (Ephesians 2:14). Resurrection accomplishes what crucifixion purchased: reconciliation and peace.

Historical Context

Jesus' sudden appearance in the locked room demonstrates His resurrection body's unique properties—physical enough to eat (v. 42-43) yet able to pass through walls. This previews believers' future resurrection bodies—physical but transformed, recognizable yet glorified (1 Corinthians 15:35-49, Philippians 3:20-21). His greeting 'Peace be unto you' fulfills His promise: 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you' (John 14:27). Resurrection establishes peace on multiple levels:

1. legal—justified before God
2. relational—reconciled to God
3. personal—internal peace despite circumstances

4. cosmic—all things will be reconciled (Colossians 1:20).

The risen Christ brings comprehensive shalom.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What do Jesus' sudden appearance and ability to pass through walls teach about resurrection bodies?
2. How does Jesus' 'Peace be unto you' relate to the peace accomplished through His death and resurrection?
3. In what ways does resurrection establish peace—legal, relational, personal, cosmic?

Interlinear Text

Ταῦτα	δὲ	αὐτοῖς	λαλοῦντων	αὐτοῖς	ὁ	Ἰησοῦς	ἔστη
thus	And	as they	spake	as they	G3588	Jesus	stood
G5023	G1161	G846	G2980	G846		G2424	G2476

ἐν	μέσῳ	αὐτοῖς	καὶ	λέγει	αὐτοῖς	Εἰρήνη	ὑμῖν
in	the midst	as they	and	saith	as they	Peace	be unto you
G1722	G3319	G846	G2532	G3004	G846	G1515	G5213

Additional Cross-References

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (Peace): Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

Revelation 1:4 (Peace): John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

Isaiah 57:18 (Parallel theme): I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

Mark 16:14 (Parallel theme): Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

John 20:26 (Peace): And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

John 14:27 (Peace): Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33 (Peace): These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Luke 10:5 (Peace): And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.