

Jesus appears to his disciples after his death

It was late one Sunday evening, and Jesus's disciples had gathered together in a locked room. Jesus had just been arrested, crucified and had died, and they were afraid that the Jewish authorities might seek them out and punish them too.

Suddenly, Jesus came and stood with them in the room. 'May peace be with you,' he said, and then he showed them the nail wounds in his hands and the cut in his side. The disciples were overjoyed at seeing Jesus, their friend and leader. He was alive again.

Then Jesus spoke to them. 'My Father sent me, and so I am sending you,' he said. He breathed on them and said, 'You are receiving the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, then they are forgiven but if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'