

# *John 20:19-23*

*5th appearance, Sun even., resurrection day*

**Mk 16:14f; Lk 24:36-43**

# *WHO is this promise to?*

- ▶ “Apostle” = *one sent* (Heb 3:1)  
Cmpr Jn 17:18
- ▶ Mk 16:14f - mission of “*the eleven*”
- ▶ “Disciples”? - *the twelve*  
Mt 10:1; 11:1; Lk 9:12...14  
... Jn 6:3; 13:22; 16:17,29; 18:1,2
- ▶ Who ***DID*** receive HS re forgiveness?  
Ac 1:5,8 ... 2:38

*WHEN were they to receive it?*

*NOT immediately ...*

- ▶ **Lk 24:49** - *forty days after* the appearance in Jn 20
- ▶ **Ac 1:4-5,8** - “*not many days from now*”
- ▶ Equip for work which *began Acts 2*
- ▶ *No such action* (“forgive...retain sins”) *until Pentecost*

*WHAT would it enable them to do?*

*“If you forgive the sins of any...”*

- ▶ **Mk 2:5f** - ONLY God can forgive sins
- ▶ **Ac 2:36...38...41...47** - declared sins to be forgiven thru preaching of the gospel

Verbs for declaration of action:

**Ac 10:15; Isa 6:10** with **Mt 13:15; Jer 1:10**

**NOT**

- X** Promise to *ALL* Christians to rec. the HS
- X** Empowering “the church” to forgive sins

**IS**

Commission to the *apostles* to **preach the message of salvation in Christ** and the promise of the **Holy Spirit to enable them to do so!**

**Mk 16:15-20 ... Ac 2:14...37,38; 10:41-43**