

It's Going to be Alright

When it rains, it pours. Whatever can happen, will happen. You win some, you lose some. Sometimes the unexplainable happens and these are some of the phrases we use to assure ourselves things aren't as bad as they seem. You ever had a day in which everything went wrong? Some might feel they have had a life where everything went left. You are not alone in this feeling. Journey with us as we find out if "It's going to be alright".

1) Read John 20:19; John 14:1-3; Luke 4:28-30

Shock is what I can imagine the disciples are experiencing. Jesus had been crucified. How could He have allowed that to happen to Him? People had tried to kill him on multiple occasions. What made this time different? Why did He let them do it? Why does God let the things happen that He does? Have you ever wondered that? What has happened in your life that has made you question God? Tell us using **#MessageMag**.

2) Read John 20:19; John 14:27; Mark 4:35-41

I'm sure the disciples were gripped by fear. If the Jewish leaders did what they did to Jesus, what was going to happen to them? Gone were the days of jubilee, entering into Jerusalem amid praise and adoration as Jesus had done only about a week earlier. Now the door was locked so that no one could barge in and drag them to their doom. I wonder if they began to reflect on other times when their lives were on the line because of Jesus. Has there been a time that your following Jesus has put you in a compromising position? Tell us about it on social media using **#MessageMag**.

3) Read John 20:19; Mark 9:26-29; Jeremiah 10:6-10; John 20:11-18

With the emotions already running high there are those among them who are claiming that Jesus isn't actually dead! Can you imagine the awe? The disciples and others had seen the impossible become possible for more than three years, but this? Could Jesus actually have done it again? When you've had God work in your life He will challenge you to believe in His infinite ability. Has He ever had you in awe because He has done something beyond what you could imagine? Tell us about it on social media using **#MessageMag**.

4) Read John 20:19; Philippians 4:19; 1 Samuel 16:7

Jesus appears to them, and fittingly His first words to them are "Peace be unto you." It is worth taking time out to meditate on the fact that God knows exactly what you need. He could have just said "I'm alive!" Or, "You're not going to die!" Instead, Jesus goes to the root of their hearts' longing, and says "Peace be unto you." Has God ever given you what you need when you didn't know you needed it? Was He able to see through your problem and analyze your heart and give like no one else? Tell us about it on social media using **#MessageMag**.

5) Read John 20:20; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Proverbs 3:12

The comfort given is interesting to say the least. Jesus doesn't perform a miracle, but shows the disciples the holes in his hands and wound on his side. It is almost as if what He had been through was proof of who He was. We can tell that this was enough because the disciples were overjoyed. We are children of God and I want you to consider the possibility that what you've been through wasn't meant to destroy you, but rather to prove who you are. If you are able, find and listen to a song called "Pure Gold" by the Clark sisters on **YouTube**.

6) Read John 20:21

Honestly, this would have disturbed me. Maybe that is why Jesus had to reiterate the peace He had just imparted. Jesus had been through a lot! Now He says the same God that sent Me is sending you. The assurance is this: a Man who was dead is now standing in front of you, alive! Do you want peace as you're moving from this side to that side? We at *Message* want to support you in your experience with Jesus. Give me a call at **614-266-9568** and I would love to pray with you.

7) Read John 20:22

This is epic. When Jesus stepped into the emotional storm the disciples were in, He called for peace, changing their sorrow into joy. Peace is what they needed. And, they will need a lot of it because they are being sent out, just as Jesus was sent by the Father. The next action is mind-blowing (no pun intended). Jesus breathes on them and they received the Holy Spirit. They weren't going to be doing this by themselves, God was going to be with them. Do you want God to be with you as He sends and uses you where you are? Just ask Him, and it is done. I assure you the Holy Spirit will. Jesus said, "Peace be unto you." You have to know, it's going to be alright.

Call us if you find you have questions, want to talk, or want to pray with someone: 1-855-463-2273, or, 1-855-God Cares.

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