

**Look Book Took**  
**April 28, 2019**  
**Year C, Easter 2**  
**Peace be with You!**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Look:**

Where is the world hurting? Where are you hurting?

**Book:**

**Acts 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

1. The apostles had their chance to escape, why did they stay and teach risking their lives?
2. Are the three parts of the Trinity mentioned in this passage?
3. The apostles "obey" God. Do you think they had fear in their obedience?
4. What words are used to describe Jesus?

**John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

1. Would you have been like Thomas and all of the disciples, not believing entirely until you saw?
2. To whom do you think "you" references in the last paragraph?
3. What does Jesus give the disciples? (hint: think Pentecost)
4. What is the difference between an apostle and a disciple according to these two passages?

**Took:**

If you are on an elevator for one minute, how would you tell someone who asks you in that time what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross and rising again?

The disciples did not believe the women who first reported the Resurrection. Doubt is normal. When do you feel more certain about the Resurrection?

Jesus loves each of us and we are forgiven if we seek forgiveness. Do you feel forgiven?

Our social world throughout thousands of years of history proves we are a hierarchical creature with those in authority. We profess God as our true authority. Do you feel God is the number 1 authority in your life? What would it take for God to be your number 1 if not?

The peace of Christ that is the Holy Spirit in each of us is intended to be carried to the world. How can you tend to a wound in your life (on yourself or the world around us) this week?

We may see the power of the Resurrection when we tend to these wounds. How are we as a church called to tend to the wounds of the world?

Disciples follow Jesus and Apostles are sent out. The disciples are now apostles. How are we called to be disciples? How are we called to be apostles?