

**The Great Charter of the Church —  
Jesus Appears to the Disciples  
John 20:19–23**

*(see Mk. 16:14; Lk. 24:36-49)*

**1. *The disciples were hiding in fear***

- a. Was the same day: At night
- b. Were discussing the report
- c. Jesus appeared — suddenly

**2. *The risen Lord,  
His presence,  
was very real***

- a. His message: Peace
- b. His wounds: Evidence
- c. His effect: Unbelievable joy  
when they saw Him

**3. *The risen Lord assigned  
the great commission  
to His disciples***

**4. *The risen Lord breathed  
the Holy Spirit into the disciples***

- a. The endowment or  
giving of the Spirit
- b. The authority given

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”