



# *Breath and life*

John 20:19-31

# John 20 - The Book of Glory

## Part 3 – The Risen Jesus

20:1-18 [Scene 1]

*At the tomb*

**1-10 Episode 1**

*Visits to the empty tomb*

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*Jesus appears to Magdalene*

20:19-29 [Scene 2]

*Where the disciples are gathered*

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# John 20:1-18 (Scene 1)

## At the tomb

### 1-10 Episode 1

*Visits to the empty tomb*

- **Setting:**  
*Early on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene finds the tomb opened and empty; she reports it to the disciples*
- **Main Action:**  
*Peter and the other disciple run to the tomb and see the burial clothes; the other disciple believes.*

### 11-18 Episode 2

*Jesus appears to Magdalene*

- **Transition:**  
*Mary Magdalene stays behind; she looks into the tomb and sees angels.*
- **Main Action:**  
*Jesus appears to Magdalene and is recognised with difficulty (clearly after he calls her by name); Magdalene proclaims the Lord to the disciples.*

# 20:19-29 [Scene 2]

## *Where the disciples are gathered*

### **19-23 Episode 1**

*Jesus appears to the disciples*

- **Setting:**

*On Sunday evening Jesus appears to and greets the disciples who rejoice at seeing the Lord.*

- **Message:**

*Jesus sends the disciples as he is sent; breathes the Holy Spirit on them; gives them power to forgive sins.*

### **24-29 Episode 2**

*Jesus appears to Thomas*

- **Transition (24-25):**

*Thomas who was absent refuses to believe that the others have seen the Lord.*

- **Main Action (26-29):**

*On the following Sunday Jesus appears to the disciples with Thomas present and invites Thomas to touch him. Thomas proclaims Jesus as Lord and God. The beatitude of those who have not seen but have believed.*

“Peace be with you” (v19)

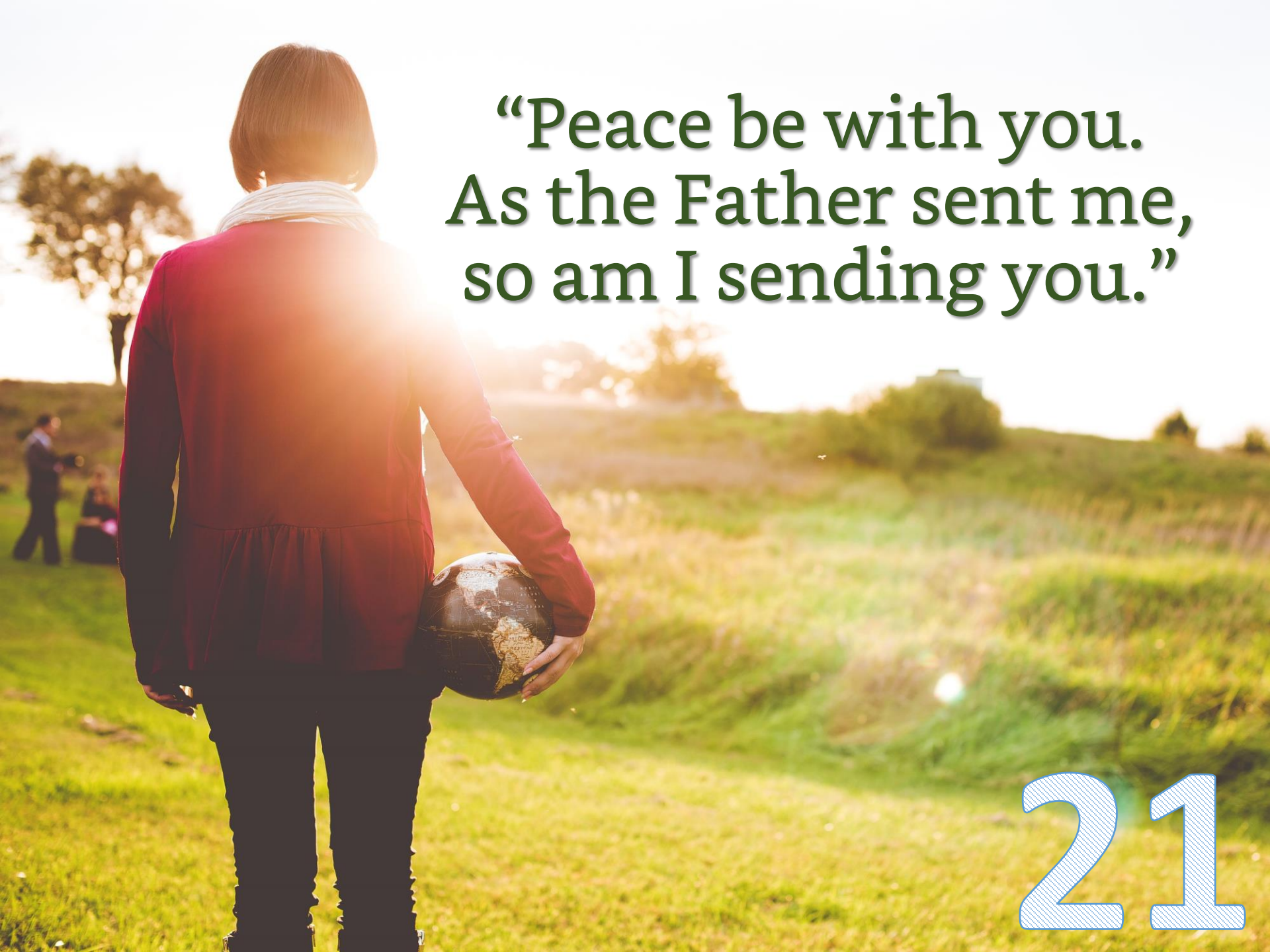
*He showed them his hands and side*

*The disciples rejoice.*

*So Jesus says to them again:*

“Peace be with you” (v21)



A person with short brown hair, wearing a red jacket and a white scarf, stands with their back to the camera in a grassy field. They are holding a globe of the Earth in their left hand. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden glow and a bright sun low on the horizon. In the background, there are trees and a few other people walking in the distance.

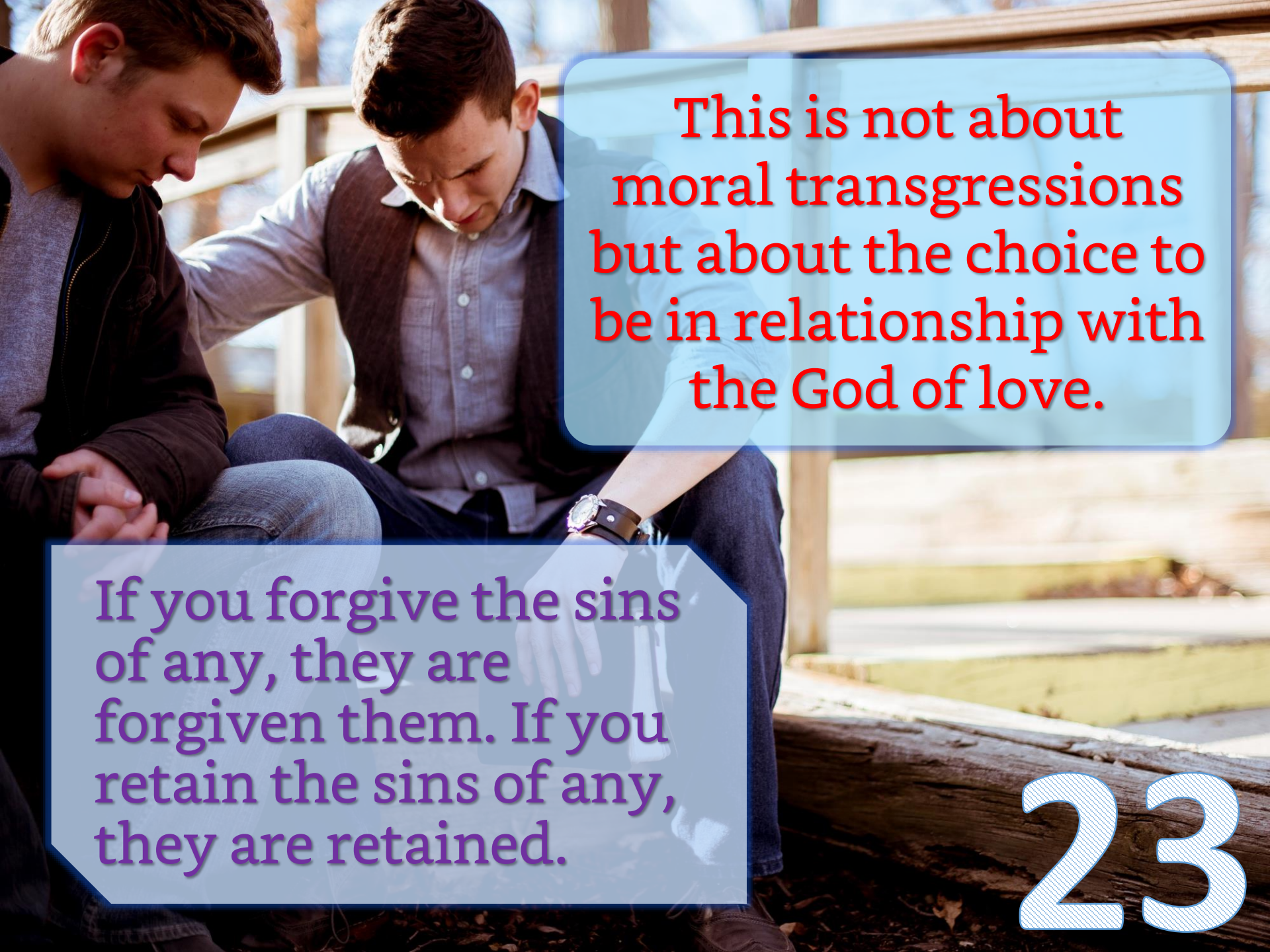
“Peace be with you.  
As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.”

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Genesis 2  
Ezekiel 37

And when he had said  
this, he breathed on  
them and said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

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A photograph of two young men sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a dark jacket and has his head bowed. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark vest, and is holding the hand of the man on the left. The background shows a wooden railing and some foliage. There are two text boxes overlaid on the image: a blue one in the upper right and a purple one in the lower left.

This is not about  
moral transgressions  
but about the choice to  
be in relationship with  
the God of love.

If you forgive the sins  
of any, they are  
forgiven them. If you  
retain the sins of any,  
they are retained.

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A photograph of three people in silhouette standing in a field of tall grass at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that illuminates the clouds and the grass. The people are positioned in the foreground, with their backs to the camera, looking towards the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

In the Farewell Discourse (chs 14-17)  
Jesus had promised a life shaped by joy,  
grounded in the gift of his peace, and  
guided by the Spirit

Now, one-by-one, he is  
fulfilling each promise

A young man and woman are standing in a field, smiling and looking at each other. The man is on the left, wearing a plaid shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a dark top and a light skirt. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a house, bathed in the warm light of a sunset. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

The faith community's mission, therefore, is not to be the arbiter of right or wrong, but to bear unceasing witness to the love of God in Jesus.