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PEACE: John 18:1-11 & 20:19-28

<u>Peace Talk</u>	Shalom/Salam Alaykum; <u>War and Peace</u> ; Weddings; Funerals; Metta World Peace; George Orwell; John Lennon; St. Augustine
<u>Kinds of Peace</u>	Dictionary (1966); inner, home, community, nations, nature, spiritual
<u>What is peace?</u>	What beauty contestants want -- or -- What was lost in the Garden (Genesis 3)?
<u>Old Testament</u>	Leviticus 7:11-18 (peace offerings); Isaiah 48:22 (not for the wicked); Psalm 119:165 (for law lovers); Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (A time for...); Micah 4:1-4 (domestic tranquility); Isaiah 9:6 (Prince of Peace).
<u>Jesus Taught</u>	Mark 4:38, 39 (in the storm); Matt 5:9 (Blessed are...); Matt 10: 34-39 (not peace but a sword); Matt. 24:3-8 (wars and rumors); John 16:33 (Peace in me)
<u>Off with his head</u>	John 18:1-11: Another garden; Betrayal; Armed Soldiers, Holy Fear, Peter’s sword; Malchus’s ear; Asymmetric spiritual warfare.
<u>Peace be with you!</u>	John 20:19-28: Locked doors; Fear; “I am sending you.”; Holy Spirit given; Stubborn disbelief; “See my hands...”; “My Lord and my God” – Peace and Reconciliation.
<u>Practical Peace</u>	Galatians 5:22-24 (a fruit); I Peter 5:7 (He cares); Ephesians 4:17 (sun & wrath); I Corinthians 13:4-7 (patience, humility, selflessness, endurance, hope)

A Real Self-Help Guide:

What causes war, strife, fear, and worry?

Who makes peace? Colossians 1:16-20

When can we be at peace? John 20:28 (Praise Him); Philippians 4:6-8 (prayer and thanksgiving)

How can we make peace? Ruth 1:16 (Unconditional love -or- Be like Ruth)

Lasting Peace

- Christ _____ all things to Himself through the blood of the cross.
- Peace is this for those who look to poets, politicians, and pop psychology.
- Source of war, strife, dissension, fear, worry and chaos.
- Without Him, all peace is just this.