

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Lesson #16 -Faith in the Resurrection

Scripture Reading: John 20:24-29

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Introduction:

1. One does not have to physically see something to believe. Eyewitnesses provide evidence. (ie. Grand Canyon; Washington Monument; etc.)
2. Those who have believed and not seen the resurrection are blessed.

## **I. THOMAS' REASON TO BELIEVE**

### **A. BACKGROUND**

1. The tomb was found empty -Jn 20:1-10
2. Jesus appeared unto Mary Magdalene -Jn 20:11-18
3. Jesus appeared unto His disciples (except Thomas) -Jn 20:19-23

### **B. THOMAS BECOMES A BELIEVER**

1. He stated he would not believe without seeing first
  - a. He should have believed on the other's testimony.
  - b. On the other hand, it is good to seek confirmation
    - 1) God does not have us blindly believe in Him (He never has).
    - 2) Faith is **evidence** of things not seen -He 1:1 (emp. added)
2. He saw and believed
  - a. Jesus wanted Him not to doubt, but believe
  - b. Thomas made the great confession of the deity of Christ -vs. 28

## **II. OUR FAITH TODAY**

### **A. REASONS FOR OUR BELIEF**

1. The eyewitness testimony -Jn 20:30, 31
2. The tomb was sealed and guarded -Mt 27:62-66
3. The tomb was left neat -Jn 20:6, 7
4. The persecution of the first century -Ac 4:1-22; 5:22-42

### **B. OUR TRANSFORMATION**

1. The resurrection gives us hope -1Co 15:20-ff; 54-58
2. The focus on heavenly things -Co 3:1-4
3. Motivates us to live righteously -1Jn 3:3

Conclusion:

1. Thomas saw Jesus resurrected from the dead and it changed him forever.
2. Our faith in the resurrection will change us forever too!