

Doubting the Resurrection

John 20:24-30

Context -After the resurrection, Jesus appears first to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18), then to the Disciples (John 20:19-23), and now to doubting Thomas.

Main idea - John wrote this so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and by believing that you might have life in his name.

In dealing with doubts about the resurrection...

1. _____ **your doubts to others (vs. 24-25)**
 - A. Thomas openly expressed his doubts to the other disciples and there is no report of anyone reprimanding him for his disbelief.
 - B. It is healthy to work through your doubts openly with other believers.

2. _____ **the evidence (vs. 26-27)**
 - A. Jesus appears before Thomas and invites him to examine the wounds.
 - B. Disciples today are invited to examine the evidence of the resurrection:
 1. The resurrection was foretold by Jesus Christ, the son of God (Luke 18:31-33)
 2. The resurrection of Christ is the only reasonable explanation for the empty tomb.
 3. The resurrection of Christ is the only reasonable explanation for the appearance of Christ to his disciples.
 4. The resurrection of Christ is the only reasonable explanation for the beginning of the Christian Church.

3. _____ **Jesus as Lord (vs. 28-30)**
 - C. Thomas exclaims that Jesus is his Lord and his God. This is a very clear claim of a disciple calling Jesus God, and Jesus receives it.
 - D. Either Jesus is a liar, a lunatic, or he is Lord. Have you personally confessed that Jesus is your Lord?