

John 20:24-31

John 20:24-25 *“(24) But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. (25) The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.”*

A. Thomas was also known as Didymus (**John 11:16** and **John 21:2**).

1. Thomas had doubts, which in itself is wrong (**Luke 12:29**).

2. Jesus had foretold them of His resurrection (**Matthew 16:21**, **Matthew 17:23**, **Matthew 20:19**, **Mark 9:31**, **Mark 10:34**, **Luke 9:22**, **Luke 13:32**, and **Luke 18:33**).

3. The fact that Jesus told them He was going to rise on the third day should have been enough for Thomas to believe (**John 1:17**, **John 14:6**, and **John 18:37**).

B. Contrary to what faith and hope are all about, Thomas wanted to see physical evidence that Jesus had been resurrected (**Romans 8:24-25** and **II Corinthians 5:7**).

1. Real faith comes through the word of God (**Romans 10:17** and **I Peter 1:23-25**).

2. Our faith is based upon the eyewitness accounts of the resurrection of Jesus (**John 15:26-27**, **Acts 1:8**, **Acts 3:15**, **Acts 10:39-43**, and **I Peter 5:1**).

John 20:26-29 *“(26) And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. (27) Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. (28) And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. (29) Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”*

A. Thomas wanted proof, so Jesus invited him to touch His wounds (cf. **I John 1:1-3**).

1. Jesus wanted His disciples to know for sure that He wasn't just there in Spirit (**Luke 24:39**).

2. The bodily resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our faith (**I Corinthians 15:12-20**).

3. Our hope resides in the bodily resurrection of Christ (**I Peter 1:3**).

B. There are blessings to those who act without having to see (**I Peter 1:8**).

1. Abraham didn't have to see to begin an unknown journey (**Hebrews 11:8-10**).

2. Moses didn't have to see to leave Egypt (**Hebrews 11:24-27**).

3. We too press forward to things unseen (**II Corinthians 4:18-5:1**).

John 20:30-31 *“(30) And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: (31) But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”*

- A. The New Testament does not contain everything that Jesus did (**John 21:24-25**).
1. There are things that are not revealed throughout the entire Bible (**Deuteronomy 29:29**).
 2. It is God who chose what to reveal and what not to reveal (**Matthew 11:25-27, Romans 1:16-17, Romans 16:25-27, I Corinthians 2:9-16, Ephesians 1:9, Ephesians 3:1-11, Colossians 1:26-27, II Timothy 3:15-17, and Titus 1:2-3**).
- B. The Lord has chosen to reveal what is necessary for us to have faith and obedience (**Luke 1:3-4, I John 5:13, and Revelation 1:3**).
1. Faith is necessary for our salvation (**John 3:15-18, John 3:36, John 8:23-24, Hebrews 11:6, and I John 3:23**).
 - a. We're not saved by faith only (**James 2:14-26**).
 - b. There are many things we must do to be saved (**Matthew 18:3, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 13:3; 5, Luke 14:25-33, John 3:1-5, John 8:23-24, John 8:32, Acts 2:14-47, Acts 3:19, Acts 8:12-39, Acts 9:1-20, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 16:13-15, Acts 16:25-34, Acts 18:8, Acts 19:1-7, Romans 1:16, Romans 10:10, Romans 10:14-17, I Corinthians 15:1-4, Galatians 3:27, Colossians 1:23, Colossians 2:12, Hebrews 11:1; 6, James 1:21-25, James 2:10-26, I Peter 1:13, I Peter 2:1-2, II Peter 3:10-14, etc.**).
 - c. That being said, faith is our foundation (**Hebrews 11:1**) and faith is what moves us to obey God (**Hebrews 11:7**).
 2. Eternal life comes through the name of Christ (**Luke 24:46-47, Acts 4:10-12, and Acts 10:33-43**).