

John 20:24-31

Being Asked to Believe the Unbelievable

Learning from Thomas

Thomas is asked by the other disciples to believe in the resurrection with no visible proof. (20:24-25)

His response demonstrates loyalty and awareness. He wants the same evidence that the other disciples had received (20:20)

Thomas is granted the same proof and calling as the other disciples. (20:26-27)

Peace (19, 26)

Visible proof (20, 27)

Spirit (22, x)

Thomas receives the same challenge that we do today.

Believe without seeing (29)

Mary didn't believe until she saw (20:18)

The other disciples didn't believe until they saw (20:25)

Learning from the Gospel

Importance of Sight and Belief in the Gospel

- **John 1:18**
- John 1:33
- **John 1:39**
- **John 1:46**
- **John 4:48**
- John 15:34

Living the Gospel

We are asked

- To believe that Jesus is the God of Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel because he does the mighty works of God.

We didn't believe ourselves until we saw the power of the resurrection at work in the lives of others and began to experience (see it) ourselves.

We are called

- To give testimony of the mighty works of God in our lives so that others might believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God
- To believe in God, even though we have not seen God.

We only have evidence that Jesus revealed God through his life. Living our life in the mode of faith transforms this life into the life of the ages Jesus offers, a life radically different from what the world offers.