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“Science Is Seeing, Faith Is Believing!”

John 20:24-29

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... And after eight days **His disciples** were again inside, and **Thomas** with **them**. **Jesus** came, even though the doors were shut, and stood in their midst, and said, **“Peace to you!”** Then **He** said to **Thomas**, **“Reach your finger here, ¹ and look at My hands; ² and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. ³ Do not be unbelieving, but believing!”** ...

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.... And **Thomas** answered and said to **Him**, **“My Lord and My God!”** **Jesus** said to **him**, **“Thomas because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed!”**

John 20:24-29 (NKJV)

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John 20:24-29

The First Thing I Want To Say To All Of You This Easter Morning Is:

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Pastor: “Alleluia He Is Risen!”

People: “Alleluia He Is Risen Indeed!”

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Since That Very First Easter Morning It Has & Still Is Our Mission To Witness To The Reality Of How God Raised His Only Son Through The Power Of His Holy Spirit!
And That The Risen Christ Still Lives Within Each Of Us By His Holy Spirit!

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Recall Our Lord’s Commission & Empowering That First Easter Sunday Evening
“As the Father has sent Me, So, I also send you!” And when **Jesus** had said this,
He breathed on them, & said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit!”**

John 20:21b-22

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NOTICE His Faithful Followers We’re Witnessing To One Of Their Own First

Now **Thomas**, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when **Jesus** came.

The other disciples therefore said to him, **“We have seen the Lord!”** **John 20:24-25a**

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We Cannot Worry About Whether They Will Believe Or Not Our Testimony!

Our Job Is To Give Our Testimony Just Like The Early Followers Of Jesus

To Every Unbeliever, Even Those Whose Faith Waivers During Times Of Crisis - Like Thomas!

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People Usually Demand Proof: Experiential, Historical, & Scientific.

Thomas Demanded # 3 Real Proofs Before He Would Believe.

So, **Thomas** said to them, **“Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, ¹ and put my finger into the print of the nails, ² and put my hand into His side, ³ I will not believe!”**

John 20:25b

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Sadly, Just Like Thomas, Many People Today Just As In Jesus' Time Doubt That He Really Lived, That He Really Was Able To Perform Miracles (Signs & Wonders) & Especially That He Was Raised From The Dead!

But just like Thomas, a person must be willing to put aside normal human reasoning & understanding concerning death, and accept the eyewitness accounts of the history recorded in the Bible.

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But If You Or Someone You Love Is Asking For Real Proof Of The Resurrection, Then Consider That If The Bible Were Treated Fairly Like Any Other Ancient Manuscript, It Would Pass Any Of The Modern Literary & Historical Tests Applied To It!

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If The Bible If Treated By The Approved Standards Without Prejudice, It Would Pass A Court Of Law Trial With Its Large Amount of Historic Evidence & Eyewitness Accounts To Its Veracity & Truth!

The single most important event in all of human history is not our fall from grace in the Garden of Eden, nor is it the birth of Jesus Christ, nor is it His death on a cross, nor is it any event since!

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The Single Most Important Event In All Of Human History Is The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ! And It Is Was Attested To By More Than 500 Eyewitnesses In Jesus' Time & Millions Of Believers By Faith Ever Since!

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Paul Records This Fact, "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve." ...

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... "After that He was seen by over five hundred of the brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep." [1st Corinthians 15:3-6 \(NKJV\)](#)

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Any Other Event In Human History With Such A Body Of Evidence Would Unanimously Be Believed By Everyone.

But The Fact That The Topic Is The Resurrection From The Dead Seems To Disqualify It From The Modern Skeptical Mindset.

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Instead, Many Today As In The Past, Try To Make Up Other Possible Explanations, In Order To Falsify Or Disprove The Most Important Event In Human History!

Over The Years Many Different Arguments Have Been Formed To Nullify The Claim Of The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ!

We Will Now Take A Look At Some Of These Alternative Explanations

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1st Lie - The Apostles Stole The Body, Buried It Elsewhere, And Then Fabricated The Lie That He Was Resurrected!

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Evidence Against This Being A Lie

They All But One, Died A Martyr's Death For A Lie, They Knew Was Made Up! They Gained No Fame, Influence, Land, Money, Notoriety, Possessions, Positions Of Distinction, Or Titles In Exchange For Their Lie!

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**2nd Lie - The Women In Their Grief & Sorrow Went To The Wrong Tomb,
And Then Fabricated The Story About His Resurrection!**

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Evidence Against This Being A Lie

**The Religious Officials & Soldiers Or The Apostles Themselves (Who Are All Men)
Would Have Simply Gone To The Correct Tomb
(The Guarded One With An Official Roman Seal (Still Unbroken)
& Produced The Corpse Of Jesus!**

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**3rd Lie - Grave Robbers, Someone Other Than His Followers,
Came & Stole The Body & Buried It Somewhere Else!**

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Evidence Against This Being A Lie

**The Robbers Left Behind 100 Lbs. Of Extremely Expensive Spices, Oils, & Garment
(They Could Have Sold For A Lot Of Money)
And Instead, Only Took The Useless Corpse Of A Dead Man!**

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**4th Lie - Jesus Was Not Actually Dead On The Cross But Merely Swooned Due To Blood Loss,
And Then Later Revived In The Tomb. Then He & His Followers Fabricated
The Lie That He Actually Died & Arose Again!**

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Evidence Against This Being A Lie

**There Is No Other Recorded Crucifixion Event In History Where Any Of The Criminals Ever
Survived It. In Fact, The Romans Were So Good At It, The Guilty, Always Died, A Long
& Excruciating Death!**

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Further Evidence Confronting This Lie

**The Accounts Of Jesus' Crucifixion Have An Added Order By The Centurion
To Make Sure He Is Dead When There Is Some Doubt Because He Died Too Soon!**

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**But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.
But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came
out. And he who has seen has testified, ¹ and his testimony is true; ² and he knows that he is
telling the truth, ³ so that you may believe! **John 19:33-35 (NKJV)****

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***If You Have Trouble Believing That
Jesus Christ Died & Rose Again From The Grave,
Then Ask Yourself:***

Q1: "Why Would People Make Up A Story Like This With So Many Details?"

Q2: "What Would They have To Gain?"

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**A1: Nearly Everyone Through The First Two To Three Centuries After Jesus' Resurrection
Faced Death As Martyrs For Their Faith In The Resurrection & Christ!**

**A2: These Early Christians & Today's Christian's Have Nothing To Gain If The Resurrection
Is Merely A Lie Or A Hoax! In Fact, They Have Everything To Lose!**

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Paul said this to the Church in Corinth, “Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.” ...

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... “Moreover, we are even found to be false witnesses of God because we testified against God that He raised Christ, Whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.” ...

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... “Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men to be most pitied! But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep!” **1st Corinthians 15:12-20 (NKJV)**

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Q: “If The Truth Of The Resurrection Is Indeed A Fact,

Then What Have Christians Done Because Of It Down Through The Centuries?”

Christians Throughout The Centuries Have Led The Way To Physical, Social & Moral Reform Believing That They Were Fulfilling The Will Of Their Heavenly Father To Bring The Kingdom Of Heaven Here To Earth!

Christians Have Loved, Sacrificed & Died To Promote Personal Liberty, Right To Life, & The Pursuit Of Happiness, Not Only In The United States, But Throughout The Entire World!

Whenever & wherever people’s lives are being made safe, & the quality of life is improving, you will find Christians busy about their Father’s work, doing good to all, because their heavenly Father’s love compels them to!

Christians Perform These Acts Of Love & Compassion Because They Are Sure Of Their Future In Heaven, & Of Eternal Life, Because Of The Reality Of The Resurrection From The Dead!

Christians Throughout The Centuries, Even More Today Than Ever Before In History, Are Willing To Die A Martyr’s Death, For Their Belief In Eternal Life, & In Jesus Christ As Their Lord & Their God!

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Q: “Where Was The Proof That Thomas Needed So Long Ago?”

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And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, even though the doors were shut, and stood in their midst, and said, “Peace to you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, ¹ and look at My hands; ² and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. ³ Do not be unbelieving, but believing!” **John 20:26-27**

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Q: “What Was The Only Reply Thomas Or Anyone This Morning On Earth Would Make When Faced With The Reality Of The Fully Risen Jesus Christ In His Glorified & Perfected Body?”

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And Thomas answered and said to Jesus, “My Lord and My God!”

John 20:28

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Q: “What Was Then, & What Will Be Jesus’ Response To Skepticism & Unbelief When He Returns Again?”

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Jesus said to him, “Thomas because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed!”

Johns 20:29

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Q: "What Should Our Response Be To The Revelation Of The Holy Spirit This Easter Morning & Every Day That Follows Now That We Have Seen The Evidence Presented & Know Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt That Jesus Christ LIVES AGAIN!"

There Are Two Possible Responses Based On Our Standing With God

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A1: The Response Of A Skeptic or Unbeliever

Stop Wondering If There Is A God Or Trying To Disprove His Existence!

Stop Running From God & Come Into Relationship With Him!

Stop Being A Skeptic Like Thomas This Morning!

Stop Your Unbelief Today & Believe By Faith!

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Remember

People Usually Demand Proof: Experimental, Historical, & Scientific

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Here's The Facts

Jesus Christ Conquered Sin On The Cross 2,000 Years Ago,
And He Conquered Death Three Days Later, Once & For All Time,
By His Resurrection From The Dead!

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You Too Can Conquer Sin & Death If You Simply Put Your Faith & Trust
In Jesus Christ As Lord & Savior Of Your Life!

Make Jesus Your Lord & Savior Today!

Just Tell Him You Love Him & Want Him To Come & Live Inside Of You!

And In That Moment, You Will Meet The Resurrected Lord, & Gain His Life & Presence Forever!

Here Is A Simple Way To Come To Know God Through Jesus Christ His Son!

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"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation!"

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)

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A2: The Response Of A Follower & Believer

Stop Trying To Figure Everything Out!

Stop Demanding Your Own Way & Will In Your Life!

Stop Partially Following Jesus Christ & Make Him Once & For All, Your Lord & Your God!

Stop Wondering If He Is Truly With You Today & Is Soon Coming Back For You!

So, Won't You Right Now Stand With Me In Faith
& Cry Out Like Thomas This Easter Morning:

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***"Jesus Christ,
You Are My Lord, & My God!"***