

IT'S SUNDAY BUT...JESUS IS COMING TO OFFER YOU A NEW FUTURE! (Part 2)

He is coming to confront and help you conquer your doubts.

Message 3 – May 3, 2020

John 20:24-31, NKJV

Seeing and Believing

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

That You May Believe

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Johnny-come-lately - a person who starts a job or activity later than other people and sometimes uses the experience and knowledge of these people to obtain an advantage over them. Cambridge Dictionary

THE PROBLEM OF THOMAS (20:24-25)

He missed the presence of Jesus!

He missed the peace of Jesus!

He missed the proof of Jesus!

He missed the pleasure of Jesus!

He missed the purpose of Jesus!

He missed the power of Jesus!

THE PERSUADING OF THOMAS (20:26-27)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THOMAS (20:28-29a)

He proclaimed the Resurrection of Jesus!

He proclaimed the Lordship of Jesus!

He proclaimed the Deity of Jesus!

FIVE LIFE LESSONS

I cannot be saved without believing.

I will honestly admit my doubts and ask God for Biblical proof.

I know that my doubts can lead to a deeper faith when I face them honestly.

I can influence doubters by patiently listening and addressing their doubts.

I will win over my doubts by practicing spiritual disciplines each day.

²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*