

My Lord And My God

John 20:26-29

Purpose: To examine the
process whereby Thomas
came to
believe Jesus had risen.



Introduction

- Most acknowledge that Jesus lived, but many dispute if he was resurrected.
- This lesson will focus on Thomas and his process of coming to believe in the risen Jesus.



The setting

- John 20 describes the impact of the empty tomb on several people.
- The apostles, with the exception of Thomas, are gathered on the resurrection day when Jesus appears. John 20:19-23.
- They are convinced, but cannot convince Thomas to believe.



The Claim— We have seen the Lord

- John 20:24-25. The others had seen Jesus, but not Thomas.
- Why was he not there earlier?
- News is given. Instead of defeat, there is victory!
- Imperfect tense indicated they “kept on telling him.”



The Challenge— Unless I see, I will not believe

- John 20:25. Thomas demanded both visual and touch evidence.
- Not improper to ask for evidence.
1 John 4:1; Acts 10:17.
- We can know truth, John 8:32.
- Problem is when we know and believe but will not follow.
John 12:37, 42-43.



The Confession— My Lord and My God

- John 20:26-29. 8 days, Sun-Sun.
- Jesus goes directly to Thomas.
- Turn your unbelief to belief.
- Thomas did not have to touch Jesus to know it was Him. “My Lord and my God!”



What do you demand?

- Some have their own demands before they believe in Jesus.
- Not possible today to receive the same evidence as Thomas.
- Not necessary for us to do so since we have the Bible account.
- Rom. 10:17.



Conclusion

- John 20:30-31 shows the purpose for the gospel of John. Belief.
- Are you ready to declare Jesus as “my Lord and my God?”

