

THOMAS MEETS THE RISEN LORD
(John 20:24-31)

- I. The CLIMACTIC Statement of FAITH (John 20:24-28)
 - A. Thomas had not been present on RESURRECTION DAY
 - B. The others told Thomas, “We have SEEN THE LORD!”
 - C. Thomas REFUSED to believe without SEEING for himself
 1. Thomas WANTED the report to be TRUE
 2. He needed PERSONAL verification
 - D. Thomas was WITH THEM on the next “Lord’s Day”
 1. The DOORS had been SECURED
 2. Jesus CAME and STOOD among them
 3. Jesus said, “PEACE be with you”
 4. Jesus told Thomas to touch His hands with his FINGER and to put his HAND into His side
 - E. Thomas proclaimed Jesus, “My LORD and my GOD!”
 - F. Jesus ACCEPTED Thomas’s WORSHIP
 - G. Jesus COMMENDED Thomas’s FAITH
 - H. Those who believe without SEEING are BLESSED

II. The CONCLUDING Statement of PURPOSE (John 20:29-31)

A. Jesus performed MANY OTHER signs John did not report

B. His purpose was not BIOGRAPHICAL but EVANGELISTIC

1. These were included so “you may BELIEVE that Jesus is the CHRIST,
the SON OF GOD”

2. He wants you to *believe* so you will “have LIFE in His NAME”