

## "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:24-31

*Going Beyond* the sermon into Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on April 22, 2018

### ***Entering In:***

*What miraculous sign comes to your mind when you think of Jesus?*

*How has that sign helped you with your faith?*

1. Why do you think Thomas was not with the disciples on the first day of the week (Easter)?

List all things that Thomas had missed because he wasn't with the disciples?

2. In John 11:16, Thomas said, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." [NOTE: Read the context of this statement to answer the following questions.]

- Go with whom?
- Go where with him?
- Why was this dangerous?
- What does this teach you about Thomas' character?

In John 14, Jesus mentioned that he would go to the Father in heaven and asked the disciples to follow him. What did Thomas ask Jesus, and what did his question reveal about Thomas?

3. What does Thomas' statement in verse 25 reveal about his personality?

What exactly was it that Thomas did not believe?

What conditions did Thomas declare to be necessary before he would believe?

Many people in our day set similar conditions. What are some that you have heard?

Do you relate to Thomas? Why or why not?

4. What is the significance of the doors being locked? [verse 26]

What does this tell you about Jesus' resurrected body?

Do you think your glorified body will have the same characteristics?

5. What happened “a week later”? [cf. v.19]

What offer did Jesus make to Thomas on this occasion?

What does Jesus’ invitation to Thomas reveal about His character?

When and how has Jesus met you where you are at?

What did Jesus command Thomas to do/not do?

6. What did Thomas confess? Why is this significant?

What do the terms “my Lord and my God” imply about what Thomas believed?

Do you think seeing the scars are sufficient evidence to cause Thomas (or anyone) to believe *these things* (from your previous answer)? Explain.

What convinced Thomas that Jesus was “My Lord and my God”?

What convinced you of who Jesus is?

7. What is the purpose of this book of the Bible?

What happens to believers?

Specifically, what does it mean to believe that Jesus *is* the following?

- The Christ
- The Son of God

Choose one of the following terms to complete the sentence below that you think would best explain the term *believe* as John uses it here? Explain.

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John wrote his Gospel to \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is both the Christ and the Son of God.

How does “believing” these things about Christ give us *life*? What must be implied by the word, “believe”?

***Living It Out:***

*Pray that you will witness Jesus as your Lord and your God through your words and deeds.*

