

Truly Alive: From Doubter to Confessor

John 20

- I. Eye witness testimony about Jesus is doubted (24-25)
 - a. Thomas was absent when Jesus originally appeared to the twelve (24)
 - b. The other disciples repeatedly testified to him that Jesus was alive (25a)
 - c. Thomas demands empirical evidence before he will believe (25b)
- II. Jesus pursues the doubter (26-27)
 - a. By appearing to the disciples again but this time with Thomas present (26)
 - i. On the Lord's day
 - ii. Still behind closed doors
 - iii. Still needing peace from Jesus
 - b. By granting Thomas' demand for empirical evidence (27)
 - i. Jesus compels him to face the empirical evidence
 - ii. Jesus did so omnisciently
 - iii. Jesus did so with a rebuke
- III. The doubter becomes the climactic confessor (28)
 - a. My Lord
 - b. My God
- IV. Christ's blessing for those who accept apostolic testimony of His resurrection (29)
- V. Why was this Gospel written? To turn doubting unbelievers into believers (30-31)
 - a. The method of the Gospel according to John: Select Signs
 - b. The purpose of the gospel according to John: Faith in Jesus
 - i. As the Christ
 - ii. As the Son of God
 - c. The intended result of the Gospel according to John: Life in His name