

John pt39 - (20:24-31)

The Resurrection Sign

1. John 20:24-25 – Thomas' doubt

- a. The Holy Ghost does not come until later - John 7:39; Acts 2:4
- b. The need for evidence → Heb 11:1, 2 Peter 1:19, Rom 10:17, 1 Thes 5:21
 - i. They were to test the spirits - 1 John 4:1, Rev 2:2
 - ii. The Paul test → 1 Cor 14:37; 2 Tim 2:7-8; Rom 16:17
- c. "I will not believe" – what did he believe? John 1:12, 6:29,69; 9:35; 14:11
 - i. They believed he was from God – John 16:30; 17:21
 - ii. The devils believe – James 2:19, Mark 1:24, Acts 19:13-15

2. John 20:26-29 – Thomas' belief

- a. "Thomas with them" – resurrection not a test of fellowship
- b. The resurrected body - "doors being shut... he stood" – 1 Cor 15:35-44
 - i. How did he get out of the tomb? – John 20:6-7?
 - ii. He eats, is touched, wears clothes – Mat 28:9, Luke 24:42
- c. "My Lord, my God" – The same use of the word for God the Father
 - i. Jesus is God, the Father is God, the Spirit is God – 1 John 5:7
- d.

3. John 20:30-31 – The resurrection as a sign

- a. "I will raise it up" - John 2:19-22; John 10:17-18, Acts 2:32, Rom 8:11
- b. "Except ye see signs" - John 4:48, 1 Cor 1:22
- c. The sign of Jonah to the Ninevites – death and resurrection - Mat 12:38-40
- d. Jesus' resurrection was a fact; it proved he was God! – 1 Tim 3:16, Col 1:15
- e. **The meaning of the resurrection and prophecy**
 - i. The Son of David will live forever – Psalm 89:35-37
 - ii. Jesus was the Son of David – Jer 23:5
 - iii. David's son is Lord – Mat 22:42-45
 - iv. Peter quotes Psalm 16 about David's promise – Acts 2:27
 - v. Jesus was the Messiah – Acts 2:36 – resurrected for the throne!
- f. **The meaning of the resurrection and the mystery**
 - i. Resurrected for justification – Romans 4:25
 - ii. We are baptized into his death and resurrection - Col 2:12
 - iii. The power of the resurrection – Phil 3:10-11
 - iv. Our being caught away – 1 Thess 4:14-16
 - v. Our heavenly position and the rising – Eph 2:5-6, Col 3:1
- g. If Christ be not raised your faith is in vain! – 1 Cor 15:17-19