



SEEING THE RISEN
CHRIST

John 20:24-29

²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

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Who is this God?

Secular views

A name to invoke at times of shock or disdain

A materialistic view of reality

A pantheistic view

A deistic view

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Who is this God?

The Biblical view

The creator of all that is

Who is distinct from all that He has created

Who is absolutely holy

The one for whose glory we were created

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¹⁶ “For God so loved the world

The good news – God loves the world

The bad news – the world has rejected his love and in seeking fulfillment apart from God entered into sin which continues to separate us from him

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What did this giving entailed:

The virgin birth

A life of service and grace

Rejection by those he came to save

The cross; The tomb; The resurrection

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to believe to the extent of complete trust and reliance—‘to believe in, to have confidence in, to have faith in, to trust, faith, trust.’

To be free *from* the power & penalty of sin and the terror of death

To be free *to* live for His honor

It is not sin that makes us human – sin makes us *less* than human

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John 20:24-29

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

So What

- Do you believe?
- What do you mean when you say God?
- What have you been liberated from?
- What have you been liberated *to*?