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The “Show Me” Disciple

John 20:24-29

I. Thomas Needs to See Jesus with His Own Eyes (vv. 24-25)

A. What we _____ about Thomas (v. 24)
[Jn. 11:16; 14:5-6; Heb. 10:22-25]

B. What the disciples _____ him (v. 25a) [Acts 4:20]

C. What Thomas _____ in order to believe (v. 25b)
[Mk. 16:11; Lk. 24:11]

II. Thomas Needs to Listen to Jesus’ Instruction (vv. 26-27)

A. Jesus shows up _____ (v. 26) [Acts 1:1-5]

B. Jesus addresses Thomas _____ (v. 27a)
[Jn. 1:48; 2:25; 6:15, 61, 64; Psa. 139:4; Heb. 4:13]

C. Jesus _____ Thomas to believe (v. 27b)
[2 Cor. 6:2; Mk. 6:12; Acts 17:30; Heb. 9:27]

III. Thomas Needs to Say What He Needs to Say (vv. 28-29)

A. Thomas proclaims Christ’s _____ (v. 28)
[Jn. 1:1, 14, 18; Rom. 10:9; Acts 10:26; 14:15; Rev. 22:9]

B. Jesus points to _____ not to sight (v. 29)
[Matt. 8:5-10; Rom. 10:14; 1 Pet. 1:8]

TAKE HOME

- Do you make **demands** of God before you trust Him by faith?
- Have you ever seen something so **clearly** in God’s Word that you instantly believed?
- What is the **significance** of Jesus being your Lord and your God?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placertachurch.com.

1. Read John 20:24. What do we know about Thomas so far? (Jn. 11:16; 14:5-6)
What are your impressions about his character from these verses?

2. Read John 20:25. What had the disciples told Thomas? How did Thomas respond? Why do you think he responded that way? Is that a noble way to respond? (Mk. 16:11; Lk. 24:11)

3. Read John 20:26. When Jesus shows up again what does He say in this verse? Why is this now the third time that He has said this? What did Jesus do between the resurrection and the ascension? (Acts 1:1-5)

4. Read John 20:27. How did Jesus know exactly what Thomas “needed”? (Jn. 1:48; 2:25; 6:15, 61, 64; Psa. 139:4; Heb. 4:13) How does Jesus address exactly what your concerns are today?

5. Is it right for Jesus to command Thomas to believe? Can we do the same thing today? (2 Cor. 6:2; Mk. 6:12; Acts 17:30; Heb. 9:27)

6. Read John 20:28. What does Thomas proclaim exactly in this verse? Why is this so profound? (Jn. 1:1, 14, 18; Rom. 10:9; Acts 10:26; 14:15; Rev. 22:9)

7. Read John 20:29. What is Jesus pointing to in this verse? How is faith without seeing more excellent than faith from seeing? (Matt. 8:5-10; Rom. 10:14; 1 Pet. 1:8)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Our Lord has many weak children in His family, many dull pupils in His school, many raw soldiers in His army, many lame sheep in His flock. yet He bears with them all, and casts none away. Happy is that Christian who has learned to deal likewise with his brethren. There are many in the Church, who, like Thomas, are dull and slow, but for all that, like Thomas, are real and true believers.”

- J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on John*