

“REACTIONS TO THE RESURRECTED LORD”

(John 20:11-31, Habakkuk 3:17-18)

Gospel of John - Sermon 39

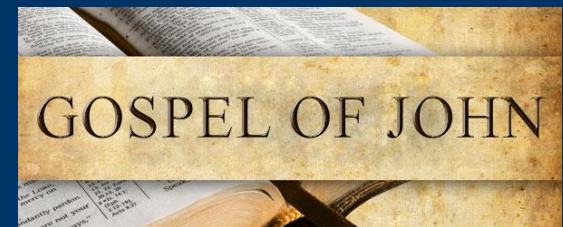
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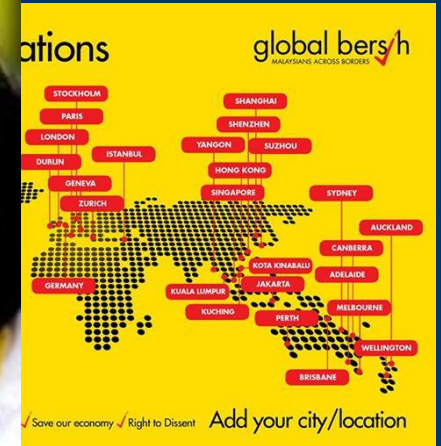
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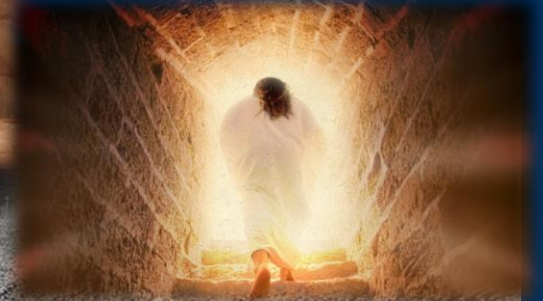
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1 Cor. 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

I. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE PASSAGE

The literary structure of each sighting is similar.

There is an appearance of the risen Christ, a reaction to that appearance, and a statement made by Christ.



II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

A. The Reaction of Mary: Feel is believing.



***Jn 20:11** Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.*

II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

A. The Reaction of Mary: Feel is believing.



Jn 20:13 They asked her, "***Woman, why are you crying?***" "***They have taken my Lord away,***" she said, "***and I don't know where they have put him.***"

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Jn 20:14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.



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Jn 20:15 He asked her, **"Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"** Thinking he was the gardener, she said, **"Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."**



II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

A. The Reaction of Mary: Feel is believing.



Jn 20:16 Jesus said to her, **"Mary."** She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, **"Rabboni!"** (which means "Teacher").

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Jn 20:17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"



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***Jn 20:18** Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: **"I have seen the Lord!"** And she told them that he had said these things to her.*

II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

*B. The Reaction of the Disciples:
Seeing is believing.*



Jn 20:19** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **"Peace be with you!"

II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

B. The Reaction of the Disciples: Seeing is believing.

Jn 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, **"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."** ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, **"Receive the Holy Spirit."**



II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

C. The Reaction of Thomas: Proving is believing.

Jn 11:16 "Let us also go, that we may die with Him"

Jn 14:5 "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"



II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

C. The Reaction of Thomas: Proving is believing.

Jn 20:24 Now Thomas (also known as 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."**



II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

*D. The Reaction of Future Followers:
Trusting is believing.*

***Jn 20:26** A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you!**"*



II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

*D. The Reaction of Future Followers:
Trusting is believing.*

Jn 20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."



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*D. The Reaction of Future Followers:
Trusting is believing.*

Jn 20:28 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."**



II. SPECIFIC EXPOSITION OF THE PASSAGE

D. The Reaction of Future Followers: Trusting is believing.

***Jn 20:30** Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.*

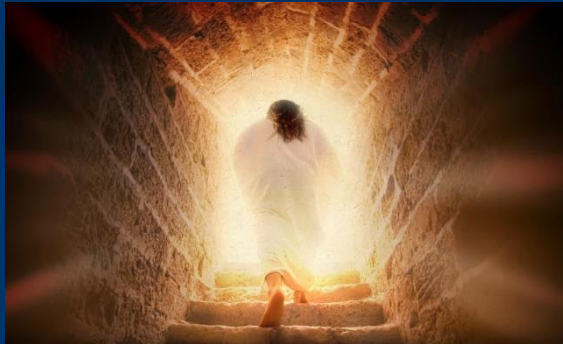
***31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*



CONCLUSION:

From the passage we've studied emerge a number of practical applications.

Subtract facts from faith and you divide your strength.



Add sight to faith and you multiply doubts.

Mix faith with nothing but the truth and you have life in His name.



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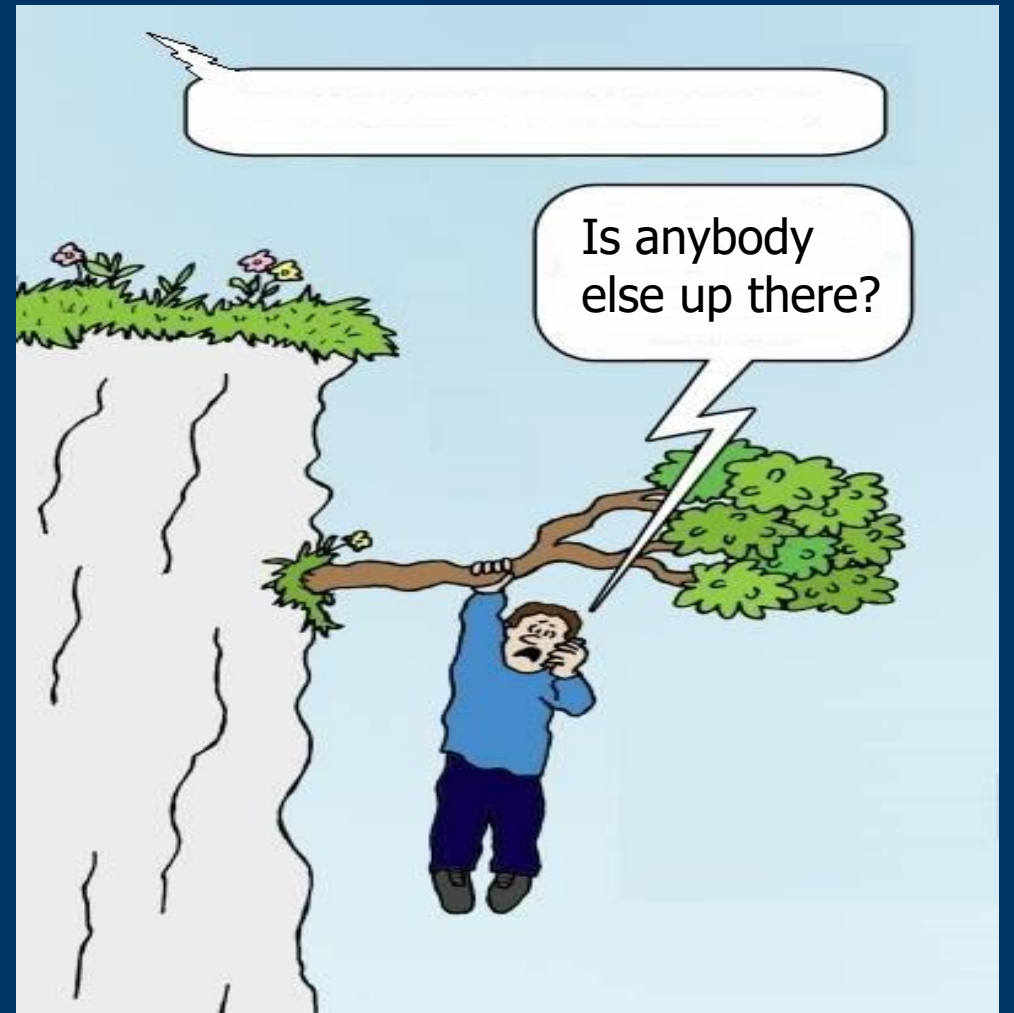
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faith
ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR,
CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN.

Hebrew 11:1 ESV

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Is that how you live?

CONCLUSION:

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Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the
vines, though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the
pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet
I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be
joyful in God my Savior.

Habakkuk 3:17-18



CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why are the disciples not excited when they saw that the tomb was empty?*
- 2. Why is each one of their reactions so different?*
- 3. What should be the right reaction when we encounter doubt?*
- 4. Why is it so important for us to walk by faith?*
- 5. How can we learn to trust God even when we don't feel, see and hear him?*

Scripture References:

John 20:11-31 & Habakkuk 8:17-18

