

BLESSED ARE THE BELIEVING

(John 20:24-29)

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John 20:24-31

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26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

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29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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John 20:30, 21:25

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book . . .

21:25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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John 11:16

So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

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Romans 14:23b

For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

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Colossians 2:2-3

. . . to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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Jude 22

And have mercy on those who doubt . . .

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“Never be absent from God’s house on Sundays, without good reason--never miss the Lord’s Supper when administered in our own congregation--never let our place be empty when means of grace are going on, this is one way to be a growing and prosperous Christian. The very sermon that we needlessly miss, may contain a precious word in season for our souls. The very assembly for prayer and praise from which we stay away, may be the very gathering that would have cheered, and established, and quickened our hearts. We little know how dependent our spiritual health is on little, regular, habitual helps, and how much we suffer if we miss our medicine.”

~J.C. Ryle

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The Declaration

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John 20:31

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Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the
word of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:7

. . . for we walk by faith, not by sight

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“We cannot always trace God’s hand, but we can
always trust God’s heart.”
~Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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