

Believe It Or Not Jesus Is Risen!

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The Word Of The Lord Tells Us.

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name.”

Pinch yourself.

Now if you will be so bold, reach out your hand and take the hand of the person closest to you and give their hand a gentle squeeze.

What did you find, first with yourself and with the person next to you? - Flesh and blood.

Just as surely as you are flesh and blood, just as surely as the person next to you is flesh and blood and is alive, so also is Christ Jesus Alive!

Thomas called Didymus - doubted.

Thomas was not with the other disciples behind the locked doors on Easter Sunday, and even though his fellow disciples told him that Jesus was risen, Thomas did not believe it.

Thomas Replied.

Vs. 25 – “Unless I see the nail mark in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it.”

Seeing is believing.

Perhaps you have said at least once in your life; “I WILL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT!”

For us as believers in Christ Jesus we can look forward to heaven without a doubt because the Lord has convinced us and brought us to faith in Jesus through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. Because God’s promises given to us in His Word, the Holy Bible, we can be 100 % certain that on the day we die, we will be in heaven with our Lord Jesus.

We have another assurance that Jesus is risen from the dead as recorded by the Apostle John:

I John 1:1-3 – That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life. 2 – the life appeared: we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal Life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 – We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.”

Let us confidently proclaim our Risen Savior whenever & wherever opportunity arises and may all who doubt be lead to confidently believe in Christ our Risen Savior. AMEN