Seeing Through Thomas's Eyes
John 20:24-29
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How does the modern world understand faith?

Where does true faith rest?

Faith – what is faith? Faith is the opposite of knowledge, isn't it?

Is faith a blind, irrational leap into the dark?

When pursuing truth we should always ask, "is it true?"

The skeptical Thomas's confession of faith answers skeptics' doubts today!

Who Was Thomas? (vv. 24-25)

What had Thomas rejected as a ground for his faith?

What did Thomas demand as a ground for his faith? (John 4:48)

Thomas set up his own rather high criterion for faith.

Setting the Scene (v. 26)

The setting seems like last week, doesn't it?

Why the eighth day?

Thomas's three demands are all addressed by Jesus.

Thomas now has *more than* sufficient evidence for faith - and so do you!

What Was Jesus Rebuking In Thomas? (v. 27)

Thomas failed to heed the apostolic eyewitness testimony.

How does God make His truth known today?

The Confession of Thomas (v. 28)

John's seventh sign convinced Thomas.

"My Lord and my God." (John 20:28)

Who Are the Blessed In v. 29?

You are expected to articulate Thomas' confession (John 20:28).

You believe in Jesus even though you have not seen Him (1 Peter 1:8-9).

Meditation

We do live in a fallen world--one that is abnormal from that which God has made. Each of us has certain results of this abnormality; each of us has a different mix concerning the way the results of living in this abnormal world affect us. With some it is more physical, with some it is more psychological, with some it is more intellectual, with some it is more moral. Each of us has some of these, but with each of us certain aspects of the abnormality have a stronger effect upon us than others…

We all go through times of ups and downs physically and psychologically, each of us goes through these times in some degree since we all are abnormal from the effects of the Fall. For myself, when I am in a depression, what I do is to turn back to the promises that, because Christ's death on the cross has infinite value, once we accept Christ as Savior He will never let us go.

We also have the promise that as we bring our moment by moment sins under the finished work of Christ, these sins are gone, and we can have a quiet conscience concerning them. Thus as Christians, we have endless new starts…

Then we also have God's promise that there will be a time in the future when the marks of the abnormality, in ourselves and in nature, will be completely healed upon the basis of the work of Christ… There will be a time in the future when the redemption of Christ will cure these things perfectly--just as now, already having accepted Christ as Savior, our true moral guilt has been removed and we are in a relationship with God in this present moment. Thus, on the basis of the work of Christ, we have the present fact that God is now our Father, but we look to the future for the full redemption of our whole being.

Francis Schaeffer