

*Monday, 24 April 2017 John 20:27-28*

*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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"*

I'm not kidding anyone, least of all the LORD, God the Almighty, about my doubts. He says, "Look, see the proof and believe." Thomas' response, "My Lord and my God" must be mine.

It is not the doubt that is offensive but the refusal to accept the demonstration, the proof of the truth. "Lord, I see and I believe" must be my heartfelt and life transforming response.

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*Tuesday, 25 April 2017 John 20:29*

*Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

Thank You, Lord, for this assurance that my acceptance into Your Kingdom does not depend upon my physical presence at this meeting. You, at the very beginning of the reality of the Kingdom in the here and now, recognized those of us who were yet to come. I should wrap my arms around this precious statement and cry out in thanksgiving and adoration.

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*Wednesday, 26 April 2017 John 20:30-31*

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

Sufficiency! John's Gospel contains every bit of evidence necessary and sufficient, all that is required to understand and believe that God so loves the world that He sent His only begotten Son for its redemption and restoration.

This finishes the meditations on the Gospel of John with more references to Faith/Belief/Trust/ Commit/Obey than any other book of the Bible. John's emphasis and purpose

are to enable us to believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. So be it, Lord.

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*Thursday, 27 April 2017 Acts 2:42-47*

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had a need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

"Voices Together," a symbol of the unity of the of the Church in those early days and what should be continuing until this very day. Maybe "Voices in Unity" would be a more descriptive title for this column. We need to be seeking that rich fellowship that worships and praises in unity and the Lord would be adding daily to our number.

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*Friday, 28 April 2017 Acts 4:1-4*

*And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.*

The apostles spoke of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; the authorities were greatly annoyed, the those who heard the Word believed. What a simple formula for conveying the Gospel. Speak it with emphasis on the resurrection message, ignore the grumbles and fuming of the authorities and our hearers will believe.

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*Saturday, 29 April 2017 Acts 4:32-33*

*Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him*

*was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*

Here are the salient points of this passage

- All who believed were of one heart
- They worked in common
- The apostles preached the resurrection of the Lord
- The result was that great grace (the presence of the Holy Spirit) was with them all.

Doesn't that sound wonderful? Could it be so today?

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*Lord's Day, 30 April 2017 Psalm 119:93*

*I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.*

It is through Your precepts, Lord that I can live in the Kingdom. Burn them into my heart, brand me with an ever visible brand, "I am the Lord's servant."

## VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*July 24-30, 2017*

*Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.*

May the LORD, God the Almighty, the God who signifies peace, grace, mercy and joy, cleanse us and bring us into a state of complete sanctification as we wait on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise You, LORD, for You are faithful and will do this. *Amen*

***Creational Theology hint for the week***—Sitting high above the Delaware River this morning, with the river flowing quietly far below us, eagles teaching their young how to fish, perfect peace in God's creation. There was a spiderweb beside us that had been constructed during the night with a lesson for us. A lesson demonstrating the hand of the creator in everything. Again, the mathematical precision of the web regarding the placement and number of segments could only be His oversight, absolutely no way chaos could produce something like this.

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