"We Wish to See Jesus" John 20:24–31 April 9, 2023

A Reason to Doubt

"Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" (Acts 26:8)

A Reason to Believe

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me." (1 Corinthians 15:3–8)

A Reason to Read

"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." (John 21:25)

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Notes



Discuss

- Can you relate to the doubt that Thomas experienced? If so, how?
- What do you think are some of the problems related to doubting the resurrection in the Christian life, and what are some of the benefits of strengthened belief in it?
- What do you think is the most compelling piece of evidence that the resurrection really happened?
- Why is reading the Bible so important for someone who wants to evaluate the truth of the resurrection?
- What are some of the implications of the resurrection for you personally?

Read

1 Corinthians 15:1-58; Philippians 2:1-11

Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will strengthen your personal faith in the resurrection of Jesus.
- That the Holy Spirit will help you to live in the power of the resurrection of Jesus.
- That the Holy Spirit will minister to doubting Christians in our congregation and bring unbelievers to faith through the ministry of our church.

Bulletin

- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: Last Day to Give Is April 9
- Men's Breakfast: April 29 at 8:00am
- Exploring Membership: April 30, May 7, 14, and 21 at 9:30am
- VBS (Rising Kindergarteners–5th Graders): June 26–30