

John 20

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THE RESURRECTION

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin,[d] was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." (**John 20:24-25**)

John 20 records the resurrection of Christ and a number of His appearances to His followers. With the later exception of Saul (in **Acts 9**), the resurrected Christ did not appear to unbelievers because He knew the evidence of His resurrection would not convince them if His other miracles had not. Therefore Jesus appeared exclusively to His own in order to confirm their faith in the living Christ. Such appearances were so profound that they transformed the disciples from cowardly men hiding in fear to bold witnesses for Jesus. (**MacArthur**)

Here, John shows us that the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, physical and bodily, were proof that He truly is the Messiah and Son of God. The resurrection is a central doctrine of our Christian faith. Through Adam, we inherited our natural bodies. Through Christ, we will inherit spiritual bodies in the resurrection.

What is significant about Jesus calling His disciples "brothers" (**20:17**)

Lord, thank you for Christ's resurrection. Thank you that one day, we will be resurrected with new spiritual bodies.