

Touching the Truth: The Tangible Hope of Easter

John 20:24-31

WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT TO DO? The Bible says the best person you know (moral, religious, pious) is dead in sin and condemned by God (Jn. 3:3, 16–19, 36), but the one who trusts in Jesus and confesses and commits to Him will receive eternal life (Jn. 5:24–29, 39; 8:23–25, 14:6, 17:3). *So, by faith, believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior today!* (Jn. 11:20, 20:29, 31)

1.) The **details** of doubt (v. 24–25)

- A. Jesus really **died**
- B. Jesus was buried in a **sealed** and **guarded** tomb
- C. The tomb was found **empty** on Easter morning
- D. The risen Lord was **seen**, **touched**, and **heard**

2.) The **problem** of doubt (v. 20:25, Jn. 3:3, 16–19, 36)

- A. You will die in your **sins**; you will not have **eternal life**

3.) The **solution** for doubt (v. 26–31)

- A. Given **time to reflect** upon the truth... (v. 25–26; 14:6)
 - 1. Do not be **faithless** (v. 27)
 - 2. **Believe**, **confess**, and **commit** to Jesus (v. 27–31)
 - as the One who **rose** from the dead (v. 27)
 - as your **Lord** (Master of your life, v. 28)
 - as your **God** (the Son of God, v. 28)
 - as your **Savior** (Messiah; you have life in His name and by His blood, v. 31)
 - by faith in the **Word of God** and the disciples' **testimony** (v. 30)

THE PURPOSE OF JOHN'S GOSPEL (v. 20:30–31): ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.