



And then what?

The Resurrection and the
"other stuff" that happened

John 20: 19-31



Last week, we heard the story of Jesus' resurrection.

It is the Easter story, and it is told every year. But as Christians, we celebrate Christ's resurrection every day; because if Jesus had not lived, died, and arose, we would never have the opportunity to experience freedom from sin (both on earth and in Heaven) or victory over death.

How do we know
Jesus rose?

Scripture – John 20: 19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Scripture – John 20: 19-31

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Scripture – John 20: 19-31

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Scripture – John 20: 19-31

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Scripture – John 20: 19-31

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

31 But these are written that you may believe[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Let's go to trial...

Follow the evidence.

How do we know?

- Scripture says so. We believe what has been said.
- The stone was rolled away. How?
- The tomb was empty.
- The Roman soldiers were gone.
- Jesus showed himself to lots of people—at different times.
- The angel said so.

To whom did Jesus appear?

- Mary Magdalene
- Two men while they are walking to Emmaus
- Ten of his disciples (Judas and Thomas were not present)
- To the eleven disciples
- To his disciples, again, in Galilee
- To seven of his disciples as they fish at the Sea of Galilee
- To his half-brother, James
- The commission and ascension

Believing Jesus arose is central to our faith as Christians.

Romans 10: 9-10 (NIV) says:

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.