



INVITATION TO BELIEVE

WITNESS SERIES: EPISODE 7 OF 7

John 19-20

MAIN IDEA: JOHN'S ACCOUNT IS A SIMPLE INVITATION TO BELIEVE AND TO TRUST.

THE STORY OF JESUS WASN'T WORTH TELLING APART FROM THE RESURRECTION.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull. John 19:16-17

There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. John 19:18

He bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30

The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. John 19:35

“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!” John 20:2

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. John 20:5

Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. John 20:6-7

Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. John 20:8

He saw and believed. John 20:8

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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.”

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!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” “Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:26-29

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. John 20:30

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

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