

Sermon Summary

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Pastor Carl preaches on the idea that many people see God as too loving to condemn them for their sins. He says sin separates us from God, and we are all sinners by nature with nothing good dwelling within us. However, some think God is too loving to care if they steal or do other things out of perceived need. This has led to stores being locked up for fear of theft in many cities.

Pastor Carl then discusses Thomas' initial doubts about Jesus rising from the dead. Though Thomas had been with Jesus, he did not believe the other disciples when they said Jesus was alive. Thomas said he would not believe unless he could see and touch Jesus' wounds for himself. When Jesus appeared again, He specifically addressed Thomas' doubts and told him to touch His wounds. This caused Thomas to acknowledge "My Lord and my God" and transformed him beyond just accepting Jesus. He became aware of Jesus' holy presence and was later willing to die rather than deny Jesus.

Pastor Carl emphasizes we must not just acknowledge and accept Jesus, but become aware of His holy presence in our lives so that He is the object of our affection and God on the throne of our hearts. This personal walk with Jesus as our Lord and God is what gives us assurance of salvation.

