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## Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

### Announcements

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- **Bible Study canceled for this evening.** Join us next week for deeper insights into the Gospel of John.
- **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:** Please give to support North American Missions. See [anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com) for more information.
- **Family Dinner, every Sunday 12:00-?.** Everyone is invited.
- **Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 PM:** Come pray with us for our church, and our community.
- **New World View class for kids: Sundays, 6:00 PM.** Help kids learn the truth of Jesus Christ to understand the world and live faithfully in it.

### My Lord and My God; John 20:19-31.

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**Today's Point:** The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the capstone evidence that He is indeed both Lord and God, and the proper response is believing.

### The Nature of Believing

- The Last part of John 20:27;
  - The text: μη γίνου ἄπιστος ἀλλὰ πιστός
  - Literal translation: Do not be becoming unbelieving but believing.
  - The verb form suggests a combination of outside influences and personal responsibility.
- Biblical believing / faith...
  - Is always connected to action.
  - always carries a component of the will.

- is often presented in an ongoing/present tense.

Helpful translations and paraphrases of John 20:27c.

- ESV "Do not disbelieve, but believe."
- KJV "Be not faithless, but believing."
- NIV "Stop doubting and believe."
- YLT "Become not unbelieving, but believing."
- PEP "Stop entering into a state of unbelief rather start entering into a state of belief."

### Giving Faith a Chance

- What Thomas did right was to continue to fellowship with the disciples. By this, he kept himself in a position to get what he needed from the Lord.
- The world cannot give us accurate information concerning Jesus Christ because these things are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 14:17.
- The world will not give us accurate information concerning Jesus Christ because the world - its systems and its people - are actively working against the truth. John 3:19, 7:7; 2 Corinthians 4:4.
- But within the fellowship of the disciples of Jesus Christ, there is opportunity for the revelation of truth. Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:24-25; Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

### The Good Confession

- My Lord - refers to Jesus' authority over Thomas.
- My God - refers to Jesus' nature and his worthiness of worship.
- No understanding of Jesus is complete until obedience and worship both exist.

### Implications

- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. John 20:30-31.
- Enter into the blessings of knowing Jesus Christ more and more throughout your life.

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