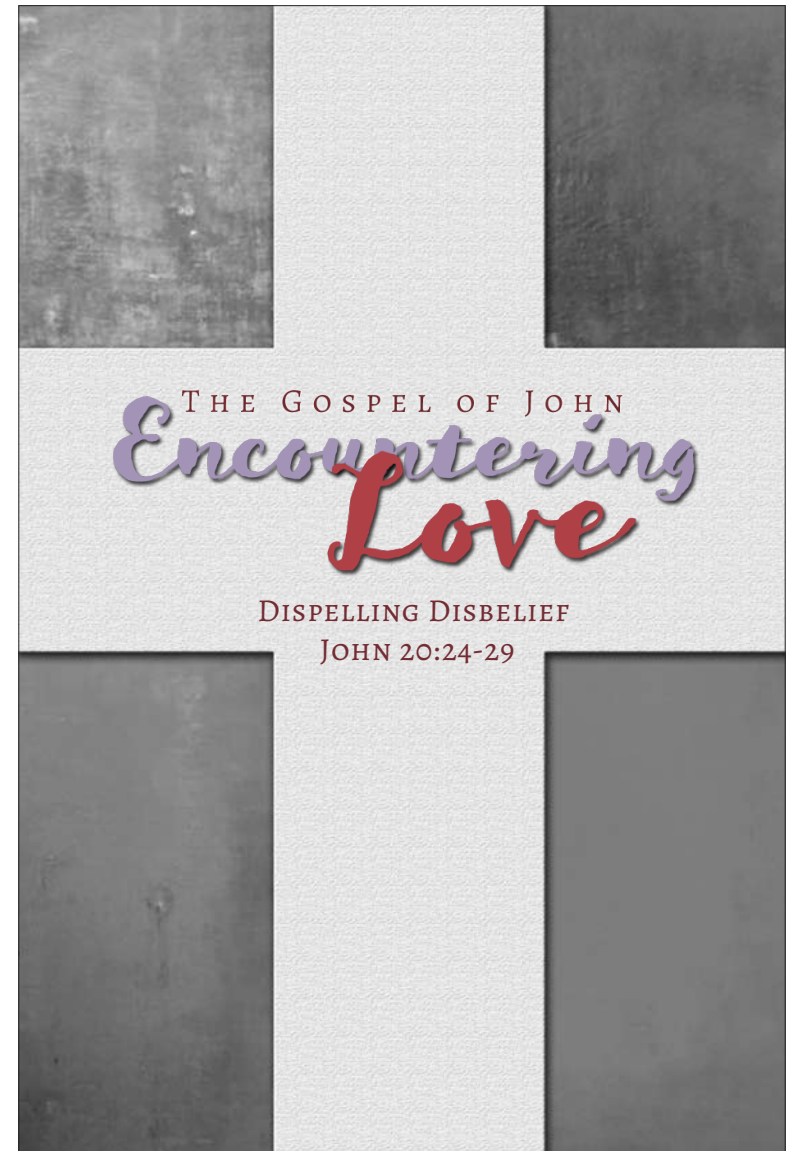


- b. A complete gathering.
- c. Behind locked doors, John 20:19.
- d. The appearance and greeting.
- 4. The conditions met, vs. 27.
 - a. A clear case of omniscience.
 - b. An act of love, grace, and Providence.
 - i. An act of love, 1Pet. 4:8, John 15:9.
 - ii. An act of grace.
 - iii. An act of Providence.
 - c. A call to belief.
 - i. Turning Thomas around.
 - ii. Setting his path straight.
 - iii. Mimicking the unbelieving world.
- 5. Thomas' crystalline confession, vs. 28.
 - a. Thomas' crystalline moment.
 - b. The confession.
- 6. Blessed belief, vs. 29.
 - a. Thundering silence.
 - b. The gentle reprimand, Rom. 10:14.
 - c. A blessing for those who believe, John 13:17.
 - d. The road to blessing, 1Pet. 1:8-9.

III. Application

- A. The anatomy of unbelief.
- B. A strategy for dispelling disbelief.
 - 1. Be honest about your disbeliefs!
 - a. Be honest with yourself.
 - b. Be honest with the Lord.
 - c. Be honest with the shepherds of your church.
 - 2. Seek the Words of Christ.
 - a. Enter into the Presence of your Lord.
 - b. Be obedient to the direct commands of the Lord, John 14:15.
- C. A personal example.

IV. Conclusion



Traditional Worship Service

August 23, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Jesus Saves!"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

MOMENT IN THE WORD: 1Pet. 1:6-9

SINGING TOGETHER:

"O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer"

"Before the Throne of God Above"

"We Will Glorify"

RESPONSIVE READING: Prov. 1:1-9

PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: LORD'S DAY 10

DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Facing a Task Unfinished"

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:24-29

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "Dispelling Disbelief"

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands)

"We Will Glorify"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"All the Glory Belongs to Jesus"

Rev. Kirby Williams
Worship Leader - Byron & Stacy Cox

"Dispelling Disbelief"

John 20:24-29

I. Introduction

II. Exposition of the text, John 20:24-29.

A. Context

B. Thomas' journey to faith.

1. Introducing Thomas, vs. 24.

a. What we all ready know about Thomas.

i. Attributes of his character.

· A loyal and courageous disciple,

John 11:16.

· A "clueless" disciple, John 14:5.

· An outspoken disciple.

· An honest disciple.

ii. One of the twelve.

iii. The twin, Mark 6:3.

b. Why Thomas was missing at Jesus' first visit.

i. The easy but less likely answer.

ii. Deeply impacted by the Crucifixion, 1Cor. 15:19.

iii. The danger of isolation.

2. Thomas' conditions for belief, vs. 25.

a. The testimony of the disciples.

i. A persistent testimony.

ii. A consistent testimony, John 20:18.

b. Thomas' skeptical response.

i. Some positive observations.

· His honesty.

· The ring of authenticity.

ii. Some negative observations.

· Failing to believe.

· Looking for the wrong Lord.

· A gross misunderstanding of Jesus'

Words, Matt. 16:21.

c. Seeking a sign.

i. The behavior of unbelief, John 4:48.

ii. Thomas' conditions for belief.

iii. A mark of unbelief.

3. The Re-appearance of Jesus, vs. 26.

a. Determining the day.

Worship Songs
10:00 a.m. Service
August 23, 2020

Moment in the Word: 1Pet. 1:6–9

1Pet. 1:6. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

1Pet. 1:7. so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1Pet. 1:8. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

1Pet. 1:9. obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Scripture Reading: Prov. 1:1–9

[Pastor:] The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: (Prov. 1:1)

[Congregation:] To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, (Prov. 1:2)

[Pastor:] to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; (Prov. 1:3).

[Congregation:] to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— (Prov. 1:4)

[Pastor:] Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, (Prov. 1:5)

[Congregation:] to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. (Prov. 1:6)

[Pastor:] The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Prov. 1:7)

[Congregation:] Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, (Prov. 1:8)

[All:] for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. (Prov. 1:9)

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10

[Pastor:] What do you understand by the providence of God?

[All:] The almighty and ever present power by which God upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but from God's sustaining hand.

[Pastor:] How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

[All:] We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from God's love. All creatures are so completely in God's hand that without the divine will they can neither move nor be moved.

Jesus Saves!

We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land;
Climb the steeps and cross the waves.
Onward! 'tis our Lord's command.
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Tell to sinners far and wide:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing, ye islands of the sea!
Echo back, ye ocean caves!
Earth shall keep her jubilee.
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing above the battle strife:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life,
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing it softly thro' the gloom
When the heart for mercy craves;
Sing in triumph o'er the tomb:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free,
Highest hills and deepest caves;
This our song of victory:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Greatest treasure of my longing soul.
My God, like You there is no other,
True delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom,
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach.
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom,
My highest good and my unending need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Strong defender of my weary heart.

My sword to fight the cruel deceiver,
And my shield against his hateful darts.
My song when enemies surround me,
My hope when tides of sorrow rise.
My joy when trials are abounding,
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer,
Gracious Savior of my ruined life.
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders,
In my place You suffered, bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered,
You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
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You broke my bonds of sin and shame.

O Lord, my Rock and My Redeemer,
May all my days bring glory to Your name.
May all my days bring glory to Your name.

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose Name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart,
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings; We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness, We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; He is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to Him we give.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Facing a Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished,
That drives us to our knees;
A need that, undiminished,
Rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee,
Renew before Thy throne,
The solemn pledge we owe Thee,
To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee,
Hold their unhindered sway;
Where forces that defied Thee,
Defy Thee still today,
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love and light.
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night.

We go to all the world,
With kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save,
But Jesus Christ, the Lord.

We bear the torch that flaming,
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming,
That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission,
The same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition,
To Thee we yield our powers.

We go to all the world,
With kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save,
But Jesus Christ, the Lord.

O Father who sustained them,
O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them,
To toil with zeal untired,
From cowardice defend us,
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us,
To labour for Thy sake.

We go to all the world,
With kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save,
But Jesus Christ, the Lord. (Repeat)

We Will Glorify

Hallelujah to the King of kings; Hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

All the Glory Belongs to Jesus

All the glory belongs to Jesus.
All the praise belongs to Him.
All that I am or ever hope to be,
All the glory belongs to Him.