

The Great Conviction – Thomas’ Confession John 20:24–29

1. *Thomas’ frustrated, reactionary spirit*

- a. The reason:
Guilt – he had forsaken and withdrawn from them
- b. The disciples testified; Thomas argued

2. *Thomas’ false picture of Jesus*

- a. He was just an earthly deliverer
- b. He was now dead
- c. Result:
Persistent doubt for eight days

3. *Thomas’ critical confrontation and confession: Jesus appeared, and He challenged and convicted him*

- a. The confrontation
 - 1) Jesus was aware of Thomas’ demands
 - 2) Jesus warned and called for belief
- b. The strong confession

3. *Thomas’ great lesson for all men: The person who believes without seeing will be far more blessed than those who demand proof*

24 Now Thomas (called 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 it.”

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!”

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

The Great Purpose of the Signs or Wonderful Works of Jesus

John 20:30–31

- 1. The great fact:**
Jesus did many signs
- In the disciples' presence
 - Not recorded by John

- 2. The great purpose:**
*To select a few signs
that would lead to belief*
- Jesus is the Messiah
 - Jesus is the Son of God

- 3. The great result:**
Life

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

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