



CHRIST'S CHURCH
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Mid-Week Devotion
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4 supernatural events: “We walk by faith not by sight”

I've got some good news and some bad news. Which would you like first? The bad news? Ok. Here's the deal...as believer's we're immersed in our culture. Typically, our culture interprets *truth* through *scientific eyes*. Really? Really! *Scientific eyes* mean we base our truth on the 5 senses, at least our interpretation of truth. The sense of sight, sound, taste, touch, and everyone's favorite the sense of smell. The upshot is, if somehow one or more of our 5 senses can't interact with the “issue”, we're skeptical of it being scientific, therefore untrue. The Apostle Thomas had an issue with unbelief. Let's call it, “The Thomas Syndrome.” He wanted to be scientific in his approach to Jesus' resurrection and in fact is quoted as saying (I paraphrase), “Unless I see Jesus with my own 2 eyes, I won't believe it!” Yikes! Does that mean that because Thomas hadn't personally seen Jesus post-resurrection that Jesus was still in the grave? Science would have to concur. The Apostle Paul is emphatic in 2 Corinthians 5:7, “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” For believers, we don't dismiss science or using our senses to help confirm what we believe. It is science that has helped to confirm the circumstances surrounding the death of Christ. But our world walks by sight. Most Christians it seems walk by sight too. Our world idolizes and even deifies walking by sight. Really? Let's go back to the start of COVID. We were told to wear masks to help minimize the spread of the virus. Follow the science we were told. Less than a week later those following the science told us that the masks were useless against COVID. Between me and you, what science were the experts following? “Get your inoculation to stop the spread of COVID” the scientists shouted at us each evening on the local and national news. “But you still need to wear a mask. In fact, two are better than one!” I'm confused but still following the science. If the “shot” protects me from getting COVID, which means I probably won't get it and likely don't have it yet I still need to wear at least one mask to keep from spreading it.” But I don't have it. The point is. “walking by sight” can be extremely unreliable and confusing especially when confronted with four supernatural events at Jesus' crucifixion. Science or walking by sight doesn't do well outside of the 5 senses. Maybe that's why when Jesus visited Thomas the second time and said (I'm paraphrasing), “Ok, I'm here. You see me face-to-face. Touch the nail prints in my hands. Now do you believe, Thomas?” How about some good news? Blessed are those who have not seen, yet believe (John 20:29). More good news? Again, can I paraphrase? Blessed are those who don't walk by sight. Blessed are those who haven't bought into defining truth just through the five senses.

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Upcoming

Sunday, we're at the camp for both services, 9AM and 11AM
Men's Breakfast, Saturday, May 1 @ 8AM @ Mt. Kare, \$5