



**Right
Before My
Very Eyes:**

Seeing is Believing
John 20:24-31



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John 20:24-25

Now Thomas (also known as 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 ...

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marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Luke 24:9-11

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the...

Luke 24:9-11

apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

John 20:25

... 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.**”

“Beliefs”

- 1) Misbelief: Believing the wrong thing.**
- 2) Disbelief: The feeling of not being able to believe that something is true or has happened.**
- 3) Unbelief: Simply a lack of faith.**

John 20:26-29

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, ...

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“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 ...**

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believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

2Corinthians 5:7

**“For we live by faith,
not by sight.”**

John 20:29

“...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

1 John 1:1-3a

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared;

1 John 1:1-3a

we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us...”

John 1:14b

“...We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

St. Augustine

“Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of faith is to see what we believe.”

C.S. Lewis

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” —C.S. Lewis in *Is Theology Poetry?*