

**Sermon Notes: June 29, 2025 "Thomas Meets Jesus" pt. 1 –
John 20:24-31**

We're looking at all the appearances Jesus made after he was risen from the dead, the people he saw, the people he met, after he was risen from the dead. John is saying, "You can never know the Jesus of before the resurrection. You can never know what we knew, and that is the Jesus of chapters 1–19; but the Jesus of chapter 20, the Jesus of chapter 21, the Jesus after the resurrection, you can know just like us." Now we come to the climax of the gospel with this encounter with Thomas. Very famous. Let's see what it all means.

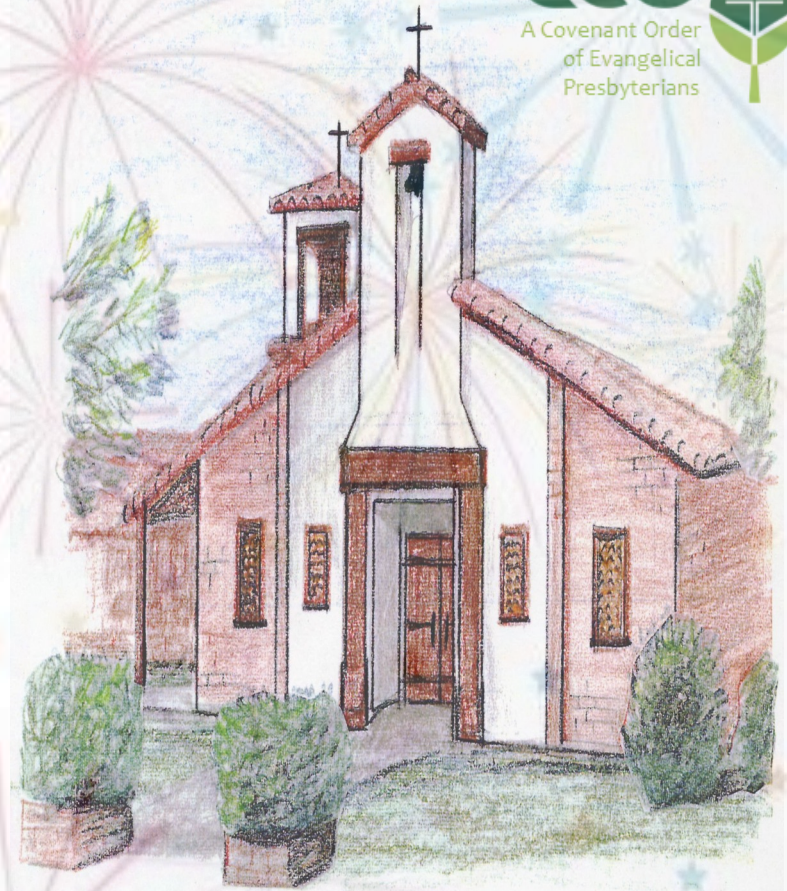
Why was Thomas chosen to be the climax of the gospel?

First, the reason Thomas needs to see the risen Christ physically is not because he needs it in order to be a believer.

Secondly, as a believer, Thomas does not need to see the risen Christ with his own eyes physically, but as an apostle, he does.

Why would John be showing us this?

Thomas was not just chosen to be an apostle. because one of the reasons we said John made this the climax was to show you you could trust the witness of this book and to show you the nature of the gospel, that it's a transforming power.



**First Presbyterian Church
Wickenburg, Arizona**

June 29, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

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Growing New Lives in Jesus!

A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY - JUNE 29, 2025

OPENING SONG

PRAISE TEAM

WELCOME & GREETINGS

SONGS OF PRAISE

PRAISE TEAM

"EVERLASTING GOD"

"Evidence"

"Give Me Jesus"

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Lord, You are our faithful God and worthy to be praised. Today we again ponder the most significant day in all of human history. On that glorious day, Easter Sunday, two thousand years ago, You miraculously achieved the impossible with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And yet, we often live our daily lives as if the tomb were not empty. We often walk in denial and fail to welcome the new life You have so graciously given. We confess our sins of indifference and faithlessness; forgive our fear and doubt. Deepen our faith, through Christ's resurrection power, to live our lives fully for the One who died and rose again for us. We pray this in the Name of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

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JOYS & CONCERNS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAISE TEAM

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 20:24-31

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MESSAGE: "THOMAS MEETS JESUS" Pt. 1

GIVEN BY PASTOR JONATHAN EVANS

CLOSING SONG: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAISE TEAM

THIS WEEK: JUNE 29, 2025

Greeter: Arleen Younkman

Liturgist: Purple Biamonte

Refreshments: Presbyterian Women ~ *Thank you!*

NEXT WEEK: JULY 6, 2025 ~ COMMUNION SUNDAY

Greeter: Ginny Randall

Liturgist: Susie Wirsing

Communion Prep: Harriet Haggett & Deborah Pinnell

Communion Svrs: Verne Crissman, Guy DeChellis, Sharon Reinhardt & Susie Wirsing

Home Communion: Susie Wirsing

Refreshments: Praise Team & Bell Choir ~ *Thank you!*

ACTIVITIES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 29:

9:30 am Worship Service

11:00 am Refreshments & Fellowship ~ Missions

11:30 am "Letter to the Hebrews" Study in the Gathering Room

Monday, June 30: Last Study for Every Thought Captive

10:30 am Every Thought Captive Study in the Gathering Room

Tuesday, July 1:

8:00 am Men of Faith Breakfast at Denny's

Join us! It's better when you're there!!

10:00 am Nifty Needlers

Thursday, July 3: Ladies Breakfast TODAY!! All women are welcome!

8:30 am CLEO's Breakfast at Copper State Café

"A Cord of Three Strands is Not Easily Broken"

Friday, July 4: Game Night & Ice Cream Social TONIGHT!!

4:00 pm Games & Ice Cream in the Fellowship Hall!

Sunday, July 6:

9:30 am Worship Service

11:00 am Refreshments & Fellowship ~ Presbyterian Women

11:30 am "Letter to the Hebrews" Study in the Gathering Room

JUNE 22, 2025:

Attendance ~ In Person: 37 Virtually: 23

Tithes & Offerings ~ Gen Fund: \$718 Deacons: \$0