

# Believing The Unseen

"This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses." Acts 2:32 (ESV)

Every \_\_\_\_\_ we operate on the principle of \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Basis Of Thomas' Faith

A. John 20 - Jesus' second appearance to His apostles:

1. 20:24,25 - Thomas was not \_\_\_\_\_ the others when \_\_\_\_\_ came. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ their report.
2. 20:25-28 - When Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ again, Thomas \_\_\_\_\_, apparently without \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
3. 20:29 - \_\_\_\_\_ are those who have \_\_\_\_\_ seen and yet have \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Thomas' \_\_\_\_\_ gives us even more reason to know Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Bases For Believing The Unseen Jesus

A. **The witness of His miracles:**

1. John 20:30,31 - His miracles were \_\_\_\_\_ that pointed to the fact that He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. John 9:30 - The man healed of \_\_\_\_\_ had no trouble knowing who Jesus is!
3. Acts 4:16 - Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ His works.

B. **The witness of His empty tomb:**

1. Matthew 27:65,66 - They tried desperately to keep Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ from being \_\_\_\_\_.
2. John 20:8 - When he saw the \_\_\_\_\_ tomb he \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Acts 2:32 - Peter said God \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_; did any of the \_\_\_\_\_ dispute that claim?

C. **The witness of the martyrs:**

1. Acts 8:3,4 - The \_\_\_\_\_ of Stephen didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the Christians. They kept on \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Revelation 2:13 - Though Antipas was \_\_\_\_\_ among them, they held \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_, kept His \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Tertullian: "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the martyrs is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_" (*Apologeticus*, 197 A.D.).

1 Peter 1:8,9 - Though we haven't \_\_\_\_\_ Him, we \_\_\_\_\_ Him. The \_\_\_\_\_ of such faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

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