



**“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY:  
DOING WHO I AM”**

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

PASTOR MARTIN CHILDS

TEXT: JOHN 20:19-29

TITLE: SEEING IS BELIEVING – OR – BELIEVING IS SEEING

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. **Seeing is Believing** (I Believe because I See) – or – **Believing is Seeing** (I See because I Believe) \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Sometimes things happen that are so amazing that, unless you see it... \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Many of us have attempted to share our testimony and others did not believe them \_\_\_\_\_

**JESUS RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD**

- A. Jesus told Thomas three times \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. **Luke 9:21-22**
  - 2. **Luke 9:43-45**
  - 3. **Luke 18:31-34**
 } Jesus would: Suffer / Be Rejected / Be Crucified / Resurrect on the Third Day
- B. Thomas should have known
  - 1. However, Thomas did not know
  - 2. More accurately, Thomas did not understand
  - 3. Even more accurately, Thomas was not supposed to understand
- C. Others told Thomas three times \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Mary Magdalene – **Mark 16:9-11**, *He appeared first to Mary Magdalene... She went and told those who had been with Him...when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, **they did not believe.***
  - 2. The two disciples from the road to Emmaus – **Mark 16:12-13**, *He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked... And they went and told it to the rest, but **they did not believe them either***
  - 3. The ten disciples – **John 20:25**, *The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, **I will not believe.**”*
- D. Thomas did not believe \_\_\_\_\_
- E. How do you believe without understanding? \_\_\_\_\_

**SEEING IS BELIEVING OR BELIEVING IS SEEING**

- A. For Thomas, Seeing is Believing \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. *Unless I see the nail prints in his hands*
  - 2. *And put my finger in the nail print*
  - 3. *And put my hand into his side, I will not believe*
  - 4. Thomas needed visible, physical, and tangible evidence
  - 5. Are you waiting for visible, physical, and tangible evidence?
- B. For us, Believing is Seeing \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. **Matthew 12:38**, <sup>38</sup> *Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.”*
  - 2. **John 4:48**, <sup>48</sup> *Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.”*
  - 3. **1 Corinthians 1:22**, <sup>22</sup> *For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom*
  - 4. Jesus said, *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed*