

SUMMERING

and Glory:

*Jesus Christ's Procession
to the Cross*



John 13:1 to 21:25

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Christ Appearing to Mary Magdalen as
a Gardener

1507 Oil on oak, 55 x 39 cm
Staatliche Museen, Kassel



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas 1601-02 Oil on canvas, 107 x 146 cm Sanssouci, Potsdam

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John 11:11-16

¹¹After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” ¹²His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” ¹³Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

Who is Thomas?

John 14:1-7

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

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The challenge to all of us doubting Thomas's

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John 1

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning

⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men

¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God —

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known

⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ

⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

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1. Questioning

Luke 1:34

³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

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“And I, who would give my body to be
burned, find myself asking,
‘Is it really so?’”

~ Martin Luther



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2. Doubt

Mark 9:21-24

²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"
"From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³"If you can?" said Jesus.
"Everything is possible for him who believes." ²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

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3. Skepticism

Luke 1:18

¹⁸Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well on in years.”

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4. Refusal to Believe and Obey

Hebrews 4:4-11

⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: “And on the seventh day God rested from all his work.” ⁵And again in the passage above he says, “They shall never enter my rest.” ⁶It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience.

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4. Refusal to Believe and Obey

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⁷Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day.

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⁹There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. ¹¹Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

"In these times, when the foundations of our faith are constantly being undermined, one is sometimes driven to say to himself, 'Suppose it is not true.'

As I stood, the other night, beneath the sky, and watched the stars, I felt my heart going up to the great Maker with all the love I was capable of. I said to myself, 'What made me love God as I know I do? What made me feel an anxiety to be like Him in purity? What ever made me long to obey my God cannot be a lie.' I know that it was the love of Jesus for me that changed my heart, and made me, though once careless and indifferent to him, now to pant with strong desires to honor Him. What has done this? Not a lie, surely. A truth, then has done it. I know it by its fruits.



If this Bible were to turn out untrue, and if I died and went before my Maker, could I not say to Him, 'I believed great things of thee, great God; if it be not so, yet did I honor thee by the faith I had concerning thy wondrous goodness, and thy power to forgive'? and I would cast myself upon His mercy without fear.

But we do not entertain such doubts; for those dear wounds (the wounds of Christ) continually prove the truth of the Gospel, and the truth of our salvation by it. Incarnate Deity is a thought that was never invented by a poet's mind, nor reasoned out by a philosopher's skill. Incarnate Deity, the notion of the God that lived, and bled, and died in human form, instead of guilty man ... is itself its own best witness. The wounds are the infallible witness of the Gospel of Christ."

