

What Sign Would You Like to See?

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A person in a discussion on religion will sometimes say, "If I could only see a miracle or a special sign to know what is really true, then I'd follow it." Perhaps you've never heard someone say that in person, but I have.

In the 20th chapter of John we read the account of Thomas and how he doubted that Jesus had appeared to the others while he was absent. He says in verse 25, "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." Now that's a pretty strong statement to make as one who had spent the past three years with Jesus. Thomas had been present at many of the miracles and wonders that Jesus had done. These were done for the very purpose of showing that He was God's Son. And now Thomas is requiring a sign before he will believe.

It is the rest of the chapter that helps us to reconsider our demands for a personal display of a miracle, etc., before we believe. Verses 26-29 tell of the interaction between Thomas and Jesus. "And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

So Thomas believed when he saw Jesus, but Jesus knows that many will believe without ever having seen Him at all. Now, notice the remaining two verses of this chapter. "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

Those concluding verses should be very helpful for those who would demand a sign before they submit their lives to God. God has provided many signs, miracles and wonders to show that Jesus is His Son, and to compel us to come to Him. If you find yourself looking for a special sign today, please, take up your Bible and read of all the evidence that God has already provided. If you do, you will likely reach the same conclusion as Thomas regarding Jesus. "My Lord and my God."



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study- 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you,

ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: *From Cradle to Cross*

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Scripture: Acts 8:26-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: Out for the summer! We will resume Tuesday, September 11th.**
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** August 29th at 6:30pm. We will be studying Philippians.
- **5th Sunday Singing: September 30th at Endwell. 4:30pm**

Next Potluck: September 16th.



- **Sam's mother, sister in law, Katherine, and niece, Esther, are here visiting from Nigeria! Please introduce yourself and get to know Sam's family.**
- **Dara's son Brandon got the job at NYSEG that we had been praying for!**
- **Welcome back to Ted, Jennifer and Ethan after their vacation to the beach.**
- **Happy Birthday to Jennifer, yesterday, the 25th!**



PRAYERS...

- We pray that our **effort at the Vacation Bible School** produces fruit and **Bible studies. Let's all invite our friends and neighbors to study the Bible and attend worship.**
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz** – lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek** – lung cancer, recovery from brain tumor.
- Pray for Sandy and Arthur's neighbor, **Erin Beiber** who has metastatic breast cancer.
- **Patty and Ruthie's cousin Cathy's husband Bruce** has kidney cancer.
- **Pray that Dave and Lynne Laton's daughter Natalie** will be able to recover from her cancer (lymphoma). She is having her last round of chemo this week. It is a 4 day procedure which requires a stay in the hospital.
- Pray for our nation's **healing** and repentance.
- Pray for **Ted** as he will be having cataract surgery in the near future.
- Pray for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening **Bible class attendance and participation.**
- Arthur and Sandy's daughter **Molly** is in Prescott, AZ, taking a course on Equine Therapy. Pray that she stays safe until her return next week. Their other daughter, **Emily**, has been diagnosed with the start of a retinal tear. Please pray that this won't happen soon. Emily and her son Aidan will be moving to St. Albans, ME next week.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.