

# John 20:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

## Analysis

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Christ's response to Thomas creates a beatitude: 'blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed'. This includes all subsequent believers who trust based on testimony, not sight. Faith based on evidence (Thomas's demand) is legitimate but lesser than faith resting on the word of Christ. This concludes John's purpose statement (20:31)—his Gospel provides sufficient testimony for belief without physical sight of the risen Christ.

## Historical Context

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Thomas's absence eight days earlier (20:24) meant he missed the first resurrection appearance. His skepticism ('except I shall see...I will not believe') represented empirical demands for proof. Jesus accommodated Thomas yet commended greater faith.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. Is your faith dependent on feelings and experiences, or grounded in God's Word?
2. How does this verse encourage believers who doubt or struggle with faith based solely on Scripture?

## Interlinear Text

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λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς Ὅτι ἐώρακάς με Θωμᾶ  
**saith** **unto him** <sup>G3588</sup> **Jesus** **because** **thou hast seen** **me** **Thomas**  
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πιστεύσαντες μακάριοι οἱ μὴ ἰδόντες καὶ  
**thou hast believed** **blessed** <sup>G3588</sup> **are they that have not** **seen** **and**  
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πιστεύσαντες  
**thou hast believed**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Peter 1:8** (Faith): Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

**2 Corinthians 5:7** (Faith): (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

**Hebrews 11:1** (Faith): Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**Hebrews 11:27** (Faith): By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

**Luke 1:45** (Faith): And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

**John 20:8** (Faith): Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

**John 4:48** (Faith): Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

**Hebrews 11:39** (Faith): And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

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