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## The Hands Of Jesus

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# "The Hands of Jesus" (578)

Ink.  
1.

John 20:19-25. Thomas' demand!

a. What do you think of Thomas?  
Disappointed? Disgusted? Impatient? or Sympathetic?

2. John 20:30-31. Faith in Jesus was  
is the most imp. ingredient of the  
successful life - here + hereafter!

3. Question: Was there enough evidence of  
the "divinity" of Christ - without having to  
see + touch His nail-scarred hands?

ans. John 21:25. you be the Judge!  
Interesting study: → M.M. L + J = "acts of apostles" in "believing" like el water!

Words: 4. Belief + Faith are complex - Comprehensive  
terms. Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of  
1884: Faith is the acceptance of Jesus  
Christ, as the Divine Son of God - co-joined  
by OBEEDIENCE to His will + wishes!

the apostle  
Was Thomas the first of the  
Pragmatic-believers who accept  
Jesus - just "so-so", but who  
have to have "hard" evidence  
to gain their unqualified faith  
and support?

I Who Cares? How much does faith in Jesus really matter anyway? (2.)

⊛ A. Romans 1:16-18.  
Salvation today begins with a baby-  
faith in Christ & grows into a giant-  
mature faith in genuine Christians =  
A religious "system" of LIFE. (I Cor. 5:17)

⊛ B. Mark 16:15-16.  
No faith, no invitation to  
Heaven!

⊛ C. John 8:24.  
Unbelief is sin & sin produces  
eternal death. Rom. 3:23 + 6:23.

⊛ D. Romans 10:8-11.

(Acts 8: 35-38 - Eunuch.)

(Acts 16: 30-34 - Jailer.)

- II Had Thomas NOT seen (3)
- Jesus hands the previous 3 1/2 years? why once more? acts 20:38.
- A. Matt. 8:1-3. Immed. after Touched Sermon on the Mount. Leper.
- B. Matt. 8:14-15. Touched Peter's mother-in-law. Excised her fever. Then note I. 16-17.
- C. Matt. 9:18-19. + 23-26. Jesus's little daughter's death. Touched her hand.
- D. Matt. 9:27-31. Touched their eyes. Two blind men.
- E. Lk. 7:11-16. Citizen of the city of Nain dead! Terrible hardship on his widowed mother. Touched the casket. Resurrected!

Question: Had not Thomas seen "all" these miracles - inc. resurrection! (Jesus's daug., Son of Nain! & Lazarus!)  
 then, why was Christ's own resurrection so incredibly hard to believe?

- III (A) John 20:26-31.
- A. Thomas <sup>was</sup> convinced + convicted Now!
- B. all humanity - since Pentecost - shall see Jesus sooner, (by faith) or later, by sight (Phil. 2:9-12) over (4) ✓

IV

Invitation:

(4)

Did you:

1. notice something in this story?

ans. 20 apostles believed in Jesus without <sup>asking to see</sup> His hands.

2. We can too! (we see them by faith)

3. → How <sup>would we</sup> know "we've" seen His hands + really Believe!

a. ans. in this little poem <sup>"These hands"</sup>

4. Question: what kind of a believer are you in Christ? How deep? How rich? How beautiful? How pleasing to Jesus?

→ SAYING: MY LORD AND MY GOD!

Do you need to come closer to the best friend we've ever had? you can.

Because I know Matt. 11:  
28-30.

Jesus has touched and blessed many before. I hope He's touched you today and you will believe in Him - as never before!  
Let's stand + sing!!

Date

A.M.

P.M.

(STUDY)

WEDNESDAY

MIDTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST

LATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statement to the Southside Church of Christ on the morning  
of March 13, 1994. 10:55 a.m.

IN MY FEW YEARS IN THE MINISTRY OF THE  
LORD JESUS, I HAVE LEARNED ONE CHALLENGING  
AND AMAZING TRUTH: *Has to do with human motivation.*

THAT IS THAT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS ONE  
OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS - WHEN IT  
SUCCEEDS..... FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: -----

1. ALL OF ITS MEMBERS ENTER INTO IT - VOLUNTARILY.  
That's the only way. When they volunteer properly,  
the Lord adds them to His spiritual family.
2. THOSE WHO STAY IN IT FAITHFULLY - DO SO WILLINGLY.
3. THEN THROUGH THE YEARS THE FAITHFUL/SUPPORT IT  
PURPOSEFULLY.
4. THROUGH THE YEARS THEY SERVE IN IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY.
5. THEN, AS IT GROWS AND PROSPERS, THEY BOOST IT  
JOYFULLY.
6. WHEN SATAN ATTACKS THE BODY OF CHRIST, THEY  
DEFEND IT GENTLY AND FIRMLY.
7. AND WHEN THEY LEAVE IT, THEY DO SO WONDERFULLY  
IN TRIUMPH AND VICTORY IN DEATH.

*Greatest proof is invisible!  
Jesus: Tawny. Somewhere else.*

*Greatest reward is invisible!  
couched in a promise  
Eternal life without end -  
sometime ahead -  
yet we persevere!!!*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 18:8 "When the Son  
of man <sup>cometh or</sup> returns, shall he  
find faith on the earth?"

1994 - Chicago U. poll:

1. Russia (USSR): 75% of  
those asked manifested  
strong to moderate interest  
in Religion - the Bible -  
and the church taught in  
the Bible.

2. U.S.A. <sup>america the Beautiful</sup> 50% less  
interested!

3. Question: What poll  
show in Texas, Dallas,  
(Quilla) O C of C?  
township

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

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