

MY LORD AND MY GOD ~ JOHN 20:19-31

→ **Scripture:** *Watch the WORD* John 20:19-31

→ What is there in heaven made by man?

A ROOM FULL OF DOUBTERS ~ John 20:19-25

[19] On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" [20] After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. [21] Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." [21] Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." [22] And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." [24] Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

APPLICATION

Matthew 27:63-64 "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' [64] So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day..."

Matthew 16:21-22 From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that he had to go to Jerusalem, and he told them what would happen to him there. He would suffer at the hands of the leaders and the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. HE WOULD BE KILLED, and he would be raised on the third day. [22] But Peter took him aside and corrected him. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"... (NLT)

*Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out I'll - turn back to praise
And when the darkness closes in Lord - Still I WILL SAY
Blessed be the name of the Lord - Blessed be Your name*

STOP DOUBTING AND BELIEVE ~ John 20:26-31

[26] A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and BELIEVE." [28] Thomas said to him, "MY LORD and my God!" [29] Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Romans 10:17(NIV)...FAITH comes from HEARING the message, and the message is heard through the WORD of Christ.

[30] Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. [31] But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Two Purposes in Writing...

- **EVANGELISM** - reasons to BELIEVE and Accept Jesus as Savior
- **TEACHING** - to ENCOURAGE and Help them Grow in their walk with Christ

APPLICATION

Psalms 27:13 (NASU) I would have despaired unless I had BELIEVED that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV) ...since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the FAITH we profess. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet was without sin. [16] **Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

JESUS OF THE SCARS by: E. Shillito

The heavens frighten us; they are too calm;

In all the universe we have no place.

Our wounds are hurting us; where is the balm?

Lord Jesus, by the Scars, we claim thy grace.

The other gods were strong; but Thou wast weak;

They rode, but Thou didst stumble to a throne;

But to our wounds only God's wounds can speak,

And not a god has wounds but Thou alone.

TAKE AWAY ??

TRIVIA: What is there in Heaven made by man? ...the Scars of Jesus

1 Peter 2:22-24 (NLT) He never sinned, and he never deceived anyone. [23] He did not retaliate when he was insulted. When he suffered, he did not threaten to get even. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. [24] He personally carried away our sins in his own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. You have been healed by his wounds!

What Does it All Mean?

- Jesus died WILLINGLY for us
- Jesus was SCARRED Forever for us
- We can come to Him with our WOUNDS
- He can heal us and MAKE US WHOLE

Are you tired of chasing pretty rainbows
Are you tired of spinning round and round
Wrap up all the shattered dreams of your life
And at the feet of Jesus lay them down.

Give the all Give them all Give them all to Jesus
Shattered dreams wounded hearts broken toys
Give them all Give them all Give them all to Jesus
And He will turn your Sorrow into Joy.

He never promised you'd only see sunshine
He never said there'd be no rain
He only promised a heart full of singing
At the very things that once brought pain.