

All Authority  
Mat.28:16-20  
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Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. (Mt.28:16-17)

The challenge today, much like then, is in believing the evidence. Evidence points to a risen, living, lifted up into heaven, Jesus. Since that time millions of people have gone to their graves secure in their belief that they too will live again. The tragedy is of course the quadrillions that have gone to their graves dead.

Now that Easter (as it has been called for centuries) has passed and focus is once again turned to life as usual, what about this risen Jesus? Luke's accounting tells of Jesus demonstrating His being really alive in the flesh was to have them touch or handle him saying that a spirit does not have flesh and bone. (Lk.24:39-43) Jesus then asked for food and eats broiled fish to further validate His being alive.

John records Jesus showing himself to 10 of the Apostles on the evening of that first day. It was then that John says Jesus breathed on them

and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn.20:22) Thomas would not see Jesus until 8 days later. He had said he would not believe unless he put his fingers in the nail holes (impressions) and his hand in the hole (impression) in Jesus' side.(Jn.20:25-27)

Thomas' response is epic: "My Lord and my God!" (28) John then summarizes saying that he wrote what he did we, the reader, my believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name. (29-31)

2000 years later the results are still just as true as when John recorded these things for us to believe; life is still found in Jesus. As Luke recorded Peter's words (inspired by the Holy Spirit) that he proclaimed to the questioning high priest and accompanying leadership: "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:11-12)

The most relevant truth for humanity in this century and any other for that matter is Jesus, the still and forever more living, Son of God. Jesus is and will always be the one in whose name salvation and life are to be found. There is no other! Jesus Is and by reason of that fact, we who have taken hold of this salvation offered thru Him also live. Jesus!