

SUNDAY, APRIL 19



John 20:24–29 ♦ Psalm 31:19–24

Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” *John 20:29*

Eyes of Faith

You’ve got to see it to believe it.”

The incredible catch. The winning routine. The humongous cheeseburger at the new place down the street.

The assumption is that belief isn’t possible without proof. But isn’t it the other way around? If you see something, doesn’t that negate the necessity to believe it?

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

Poor Thomas didn’t want to believe without seeing. Poorer still were those who saw the risen Lord and still didn’t believe. But blessed are those who have faith, who have not seen. This faith is a gift from God and a treasured blessing.

“How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win” (*LSB* 471:8).

When time ends and we are in the presence of God, we will no longer need faith, for we will see our Savior with our own eyes. There, with Thomas and all disciples of Jesus throughout the ages, we will rejoice in our risen Savior.

Lord of Truth, thank You for the faith You have given me to believe without seeing. I look forward to the day when faith becomes sight. Amen.