

## LESSON 21

**John 20:29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

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If seeing is believing, why are looks so deceiving? This is one of the most uncontested idioms ever! C.H. Spurgeon preached on this verse and reminded me that I might think in the same manner. If I could only touch Him; if only I could have been with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane; if I had seen miracles and signs. Spurgeon asked the question: "Would the sight of the deep poverty of the Man of Sorrows lead you to believe in the Godhead? That what was seen was an impediment for some in the increase of faith."

Why could that be true? Because we don't see things as they are; we see them as **we** are. You might say I don't believe in what I don't see. Well, unfortunately that nixes thoughts about gravity, time, TV signals, and electricity. This should remind us that the conviction of the heart is more important than being convinced with your eyes.

So why believe without seeing? Others did. We have countless examples.

Look at John 2:23: "So when He was raised from the dead His disciples remembered that He had said that; and they believed in the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken."

John 17:12: "While I was with them, I was keeping them in your name which you have given me; and I guarded them, and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled."

Remember in a previous lesson it was said no one ever spoke like Jesus. Remember the Hall of Fame Hebrews 11:1-3 "Your faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen, was not made out of things which are visible."