

## **Believing without Touching (Jn 20:24-29)**

Out of all the Apostles who do you suppose next to Judas is criticized the most? I'm guessing that most of us would agree that Apostle would be Thomas. Many of you know that Thomas had a nickname. The disciples called him "The Twin."

However, that's not name we call him. We know him better as "Doubting Thomas" because of his reaction to the news that Jesus rose from the dead. Thomas insisted that he needed hard proof in order to believe.

To the other ten, he said, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

Heb 11:1, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

There are 2 things we should guard ourselves against. Number one, I don't want to set standards of proof so high that it can never be reached. On the other hand, I don't want to be gullible.

In this lesson I want to talk about why we can believe in God without touching or seeing.

### **I. Can we prove God existence?**

God has left His fingerprints all over the world.

In Psalm 8, David describes the heavens as "The work of God's fingers."  
Rom 1:18, says that God's existence can be known through His creation.

That same passage also teaches that some people have closed their eyes to this evidence. The pagan world that Paul described did not want to recognize God.

As a result, they were *without excuse* because the fingerprints of God are everywhere.

### **II. Argument from Nature**

The apostle Paul asserted that men and women can have some knowledge of God simply by seeing the world God created. To the citizens at Lystra, listen to what Paul says in Acts 14:15-17:

"We preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in past generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless, He did not leave Himself without witness, in that he did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

1. Hebrews 3:4, "For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God."

The mere fact that you and I exist is a fingerprint of God.

### **III. The Argument of Design**

The design of the world points to the fingerprints of God.

David said, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handiwork...There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." (Psalm 19:1,3).

John 1:3-5, "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.." That's the explanation that John gave. And that's the Explanation that I believe.

### **IV. Evidence from the Bible**

Thomas declared, "My Lord and my God!" What Jesus says next is powerful. "Because you have seen me, you believe, but blessed are those who have not seen, yet believe."

The apostle John added his own footnote. After affirming that the life of Jesus was filled with other events and signs that are not recorded in his volume, he wrote:

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:31).

The Bible is the rock-solid foundation on which our faith is built. It contains 100% reliable information about the most important character in human history. Jesus Christ and the salvation that comes through Him.

#### **Close:**

It's my hope that by evaluating the existence of God's and the design of the world that our faith will be strengthened. The evidence given to Thomas about Jesus is not available to us.

We cannot feel the holes in his hands or see him in the flesh, but we do have evidence. God has left His fingerprints. Jesus said to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."