

THE NAME—Part 3

John 20

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1. While Jesus must be studied theologically, this One who has the Name above every name must at some point step off the pages of historical notes and archeological information and actually be real to you.
2. 20:1 Fearing the worst, Mary and the disciples thought Jesus' enemies had moved his body.
3. 20:5 The presence of the wrappings validates the story on several levels:
 - Grave robbers would not undress the body before stealing it.
 - If the disciples had moved it, they would never have dishonored Jesus' body by taking off the cloth.
 - It would have been nearly impossible to unwrap the spice-laden folds of the cloth without destroying the wrappings.
4. 20:8 What you believe about God is revealed in moments like this.
5. 20:8 Like John...and like us, an overwhelming majority of early believers came to faith without seeing Jesus.
6. 20:19 The friends of Jesus expected they would be executed for treason.
7. 20:25 Thomas had developed his own measuring rod for belief. Jesus spoke to that mindset when he said individuals like that "...will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead" (Luke 16:31).
8. 20:25 If Thomas could have faith in his own approach, why could he not have faith in what God already revealed? The requirement for evidence is a deeper issue of the heart.
9. 20:27 Jesus takes a personal interest in non-believers, saying, "You need evidence? I will meet you at the point of your need."
10. 20:27 Jesus did not rebuke Thomas for his doubt; He rebuked him for unbelief.

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