

“Except ... I Will Not Believe”

Introduction. In John 20:24-29, the disciple Thomas did not believe the other disciple’s statement that they had seen Jesus. He wanted concrete evidence (20:25). When the Lord appeared to him eight days later, Thomas received the proof he needed. What are some of the reasons that people today will not believe?

I. Except I Witness A Miracle

- A. Matthew 12:38-40.
- B. 1 Corinthians 1:18-24.
- C. 1 Corinthians 13:8-13.

II. Except I Have More Than The Bible

- A. Luke 16:27-31.
- B. John 20:30-31.
- C. Revelation 22:18-19.

III. Except The Majority Believes The Same

- A. Matthew 7:13-14.
- B. 1 Kings 18:22.
- C. 1 Peter 3:20.

IV. Except It Is What I Want To Believe

- A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
- B. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.
- C. Luke 10:29.

V. Except I Have The Approval Of Others

- A. Matthew 10:34-37.
- B. Acts 4:19-20.
- C. Galatians 1:10, 16.

VI. Except It Requires Little Effort

- A. Matthew 16:24-25.
- B. Galatians 5:24.
- C. Proverbs 23:23.

VII. Except It Is A Convenient Season

- A. Acts 24:25.
- B. Acts 17:32.
- C. Acts 26:28.

Conclusion. I suppose it is no wonder that so few believe the truth. Do you think Thomas was later ashamed? Having been challenged to make a personal test of Jesus’ reality, Thomas expressed fullest faith in Christ. What about us? Will you obey today?