

³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

The _____ is unmistakable vs.1-9

- ✓ The grave clothes do the talking!
 - In order to be a _____ you must believe in miracles.

The surprise is a _____ vs.10-18

- ✓ Jesus Christ did more to elevate the s_____ of women than any other person in history.

The gift is _____ with God vs.19-23

- ✓ Jesus offers peace and _____ that the world cannot give.
 - "For Christ himself is our peace..." *Eph. 2:14*

The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Psalms 29:11

The Doubter is _____ and loved vs.19-23

- ✓ Thomas is an _____ doubter. He wants to believe the truth, so he puts himself in the most likely place where he will see Jesus.
- ✓ Jesus does not _____ Thomas for doubting, but simply shows himself to Thomas and asks him to stop doubting and believe.

Regarding JESUS

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✓ Questions for a Skeptic

If the New Testament is nothing more than a fabricated account:

- Why would the leaders of the early Christian movement have made up the story of the crucifixion if it didn't happen?
- Why would any Christian make up the account of Jesus asking God in the garden of Gethsemane if he could get out of his mission? ("*Take this cup from me...*" Luke 22:42)
- Why ever make up the part on the cross when Jesus cries out that God had _____ him? ("*My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?*" Matthew 27:46)
- Why invent _____ as the first witnesses of the resurrection in a society where women were assigned such low social status that their testimony was not even admissible evidence in a court of law?
- How could a group of first-century Jews have come to worship a human being as _____?
- How does one account for the hundreds of eyewitnesses to the resurrection who lived on for decades and publically maintained their testimony, eventually giving their lives for their convictions? Why would hundreds of people change the whole course of their lives, sacrificing so much and eventually die a martyr's death knowing all the time that the resurrection of Christ was a _____?
- Apart from the resurrection of Jesus Christ, what historically feasible alternate _____ for the birth of the Christian Church can be given?