

EASTER 2 SUNDAY

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**Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed**

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ... Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so 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 20:27-31 ESV

Today's Question

If faith in Christ involves seeing with the eyes of the heart, what have I been willing/unwilling to see with my heart instead of judging in the natural?

Reflection

Scripture readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Meeting the Risen Christ

—Henri Nouwen,
<https://henrinouwen.org>

When Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, he convinced them that he was not a ghost but the same one that they had known as their teacher and friend.

To his frightened and doubtful friends he said: “See by my hands and my feet that it is I myself. Touch me and see for yourselves” (Luke 24:39). Then he asked them for something to eat and later, when he appeared to them for the third time, he offered them breakfast, bread and fish (see Luke 24:42-43 and John 21:12-14).

But Jesus also showed them that his body was a new spiritual body, no longer subject to the laws of nature.

PRAYER

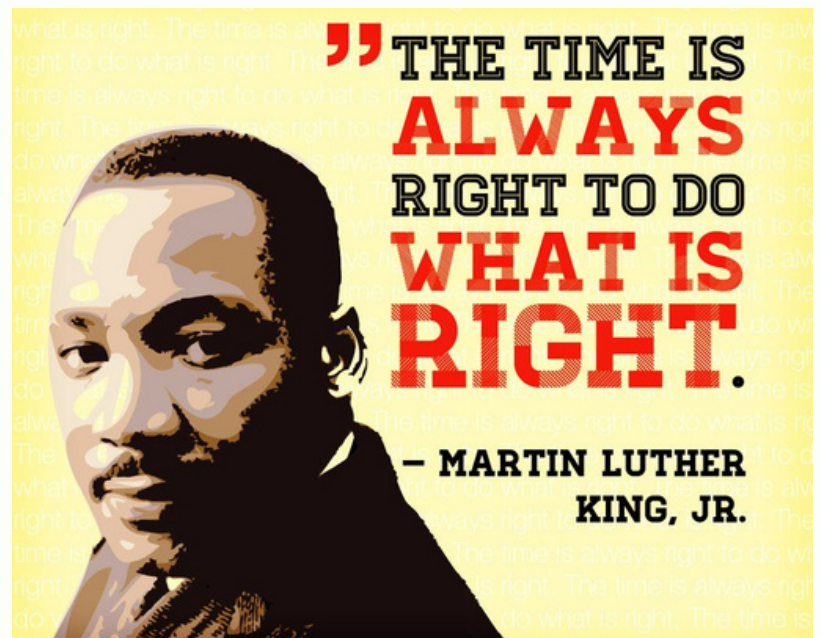
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**Lord Jesus,
grant that I
may have the
courage for
sight to see as
You want us to
see. Amen**



While the doors of the room where the disciples had gathered were closed, Jesus came and stood among them (see John 20:19), and when he offered them breakfast, nobody dared to ask: “Who are you?” They knew it was Jesus, their Lord and teacher, but they also knew that he no longer belonged to their world (see John 21:12).

It was this experience of the risen Jesus that revealed to his disciples the life in the resurrection that was awaiting them. Are there any experiences in our lives that give us a hint of the new life that has been promised us?



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

—Strength to Love, 1963

**LET YOUR
LOVE SHINE**



**Intercession is always
about the land.**
(c.f. Ezekiel 22:30)
Suzette Hattingh

The Church (Body of Christ)

Father, we acknowledge You as Lord and King over our lives and actively seek first Your kingdom and all Your righteousness,
In our relationships with each other, let love be our priority. May we make all effort to be united as one Body in Your plans and purposes and the bond of peace.

Your voice we will hear and not the voice of another. At all times, teach us by Your Spirit to walk in obedience to You, serving You with a clear conscience to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. Your kingdom come, Your will be done. In Christ Jesus, we declare. Amen

Justice & Truth

for all who continues to stand and act courageously for justice and truth.

Father, may Your justice, truth, mercy and righteousness visit us as the early and latter rain and empower us as Your vessels of such. Amen.

Prayer Support

SUPPORTING YOU IN PRAYER.

BLC Community

Pray for healing for those who are unwell in our community.

Pray for God's wisdom and provision of all in view of inflation.

Pray for growth in youths, children, marriages and families as they support each other in the journey of faith and knowing Christ.

Nations

World

For the Russia-Ukraine conflict

Malaysia

For Malaysia's economic resilience, business recovery and wisdom with regard to the rising cost of living.
For Malaysia's education system - for restructuring from roots upwards to prioritize truth and righteousness as its foundations.
For the pandemic to end, and healing for the nations & the earth. Amen.

Righteousness & Freedom

For the love of God's truth, justice, mercy, righteousness and humility to be the foundations of our nation and its inhabitants.

For the judiciary system to remain free and committed to establishing justice and truth for both the individual and the land.

For the protection of freedom of personal choices and rights of the people; minority or at large - to be respected, upheld and honored.

LCM

Lord, we ask for Your wisdom and discernment, be with Bishop Thomas & all co-workers; for healing, health and provision for workers in the harvest field.

Pray for the OA Ministry's workers and their families for God's protection, provision and wisdom for building a firm foundation in their lives, faith and future.

Send in your requests via
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Adeline or our Council.

Announcements

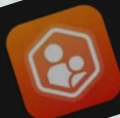
Upcoming:
WEW on 30 April
physical meet-up at 11.30am
@ The Father's House.
Speak with Sheh-Ren for
more info.

Tuesday Bible Study
8:30pm weekly
Speak with Janelle if interested.

MEM
8.30pm, Wednesdays
May 5, 19 & Jun 2, 16, 30
Giving Tree @8.15pm,
Fridays
Speak with Larry if interested.

Friday Bible Study
For more info, please speak
with Ling Ling.

Good stuff: Prayer App for Families
Tap icon below for more info.



Lectio for Families
24-7 Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

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