

Key Scripture:

John 20:27 NIV ..."<u>Stop doubting and believe.</u>"

I Can't Put My Finger On It

John 20:24-31 NIV

24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it."

26 A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But 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.

People that don't believe in miracles

✓ Naturalist

Romans 1:25 NIV

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and <u>worshiped and served created things</u> <u>rather than the Creator</u> — who is forever praised. Amen.

✓ Deist

John 1:14 NKJV

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

✓ <u>Cessasionist</u>

1 Corinthians 13:9-10 NASB

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

✓ Disappointed <u>Skeptic</u>

John 11:21 NKJV

Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

Believe The Miraculous Messiah

I Believe!

Why does the Lord do miracles?

1. The Lord receives glory.

John 11:4 NLT

But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened *for the glory of God* so that *the Son of God will receive glory* from this."

2. The Lord <u>confirms</u> His Word.

Mark 16:20 NLT

And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

3. The Lord has overflowing <u>compassion</u> & love for people.

Matthew 14:14 NKJV

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and <u>*He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.*</u>

Luke 7:13-15 NLT

13 When the Lord saw her, <u>His heart overflowed with compassion</u>. "Don't cry!" He said.
14 Then He walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped.
"Young man," He said, "I tell you, get up." 15 Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

4. The Lord wants people to believe and receive life.

John 20:30-31 NLT

30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to

believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,

and that *by believing in Him you will have life* by the power of His name.

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