

# LORDSHIP

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...Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

—John 20:29

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There is something about the thought of buried treasure. A sunken ship, pirates on an island, dinosaur bones, that stirs up one's emotions, the hunt, the adventure, it is mysterious, there is usually a story behind it, a point of history to uncover. Yes and of course the allure of precious pieces of intrinsic value.

Howard Carter took thirty years to find the tomb of King Tutankhamen when the other experts said everything had be found in the valley of the kings. He was in the last year of the digging season when his benefactor was going to stop all funding for the project. Then in November of 1922, a buried staircase was uncovered, and the rest, as they say, is history.

What does it take to believe in something you have never seen but believe is there? The fact that you want it to be true or believe it to be so does not make it so. So, what do all the stories of buried treasure, be it gold, document, or artifact, what do they all have in common? They are real. They are part of human record, history, a fact.

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Jesus responds to Thomas, ever so gently in his unbelief and this was a man who was there, living at the same moment in time that Jesus did. Jesus also did so many more miracles after he was resurrected, vs 30, but the ones written down in Scripture are for the sole purpose that you would believe and have eternal life.

Think about the impact of the blessing Jesus gives to those who believe but have never seen him. When you compare those who actually saw Jesus and those who have not and believed, the latter group it is by far and away the greater of the two. He was only here for three years and it has been 2000 years since.

Like Howard Carter, at some point people begin to wonder the longer you get from the original person, event in history, doubt begins to creep in. Oh, in pride they'll say, "everything has been discovered", nothing to see here we've dug it all up.

To which they believe will respond, "your right there is nothing to dig up, there was never anything to dig up, he is risen." Be blessed start believing and if you do keep on believing.

In what ways have you been blessed because of Jesus Christ?

Here is an example: Early church believers started what we know as hospitals.