

Easter Newsletter 2011



From the desk of Henry...

Believe it before you see it.

The apostle Thomas has often been criticized for his lack of faith concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ. During one of Jesus' resurrection appearances, He came to the disciples when they were hiding together in a room in Jerusalem and Thomas was not present. Later the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus (John 20:24). Thomas boldly declared, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my fingers into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

Eight days later, Jesus again appeared to the disciples still in hiding. This time Thomas was present. Jesus said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:27-29)

Earlier in Jesus' ministry, when He faced mounting resistance from Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, all of the disciples tried to persuade Him not to return to Judea. Thomas was the only disciple who boldly proclaimed, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" (John 11:16).



Thomas was willing to make a commitment and stick to it. The difficulty for Thomas was not his lack of faith in Jesus, but his concrete thinking. When Jesus was alive and there was hope for a political messianic kingdom led by Jesus, Thomas was willing to die for His cause. But once Jesus was dead, Thomas's dream of freedom from the Roman overlords was finished. His locked-in thinking kept him from envisioning and believing an even greater Kingdom.

Thomas teaches us not to pour our own plans in concrete, so that we block God's greater plans and purposes. Allow God to do the impossible in your life. Commit yourself completely as

Thomas did. But do not allow locked-in thinking to keep you from anticipating a different result. You have to believe it before you see it!

(Taken from page 1278 of the Possibility Thinkers bible, New King James version)

It appears from reports that the financial situation of the Crystal Cathedral in the USA is improving somewhat. Last year, the international ministries (including Crystal Cathedral Ministries SA) helped to keep the **Hour of Power** program on TBN (USA, Asia, and Africa) and to launch a new ministry in China. This year South Africa wanted to do something locally and so we started an **Hour of Power** Sunday broadcast on Rhema TV (Ch.343) at 11h00. So far, reactions have been good. But we need your help!

To stay on Rhema we have to increase our income quite substantially. We already asked you to consider increasing your contributions and some of you already responded positively! Many thanks! However, we will still need more. Another idea to raise income would be for businesses to come forward and sponsor a whole program. This could be once-off, once a month, or for more weeks. The program would then begin and end with a simple sentence, like:

"The following program is (was) paid for by:.....in You can contact them on Tel. or website:....."

Radio Pulpit also uses this method to fund their programs. It would give some positive exposure to the sponsoring party without any disturbing interruptions of the program. I am asking all of you to consider this option if you have a business. Perhaps you could ask someone you know who might be able and willing to help.

Please contact us if you need more details or if you can help in any other way.

I am wishing you all a very blessed Easter!

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