"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God"

Intro: As we come to the end of our study of the 20th chapter of John’s Gospel we also come to read of the __________ _____________ to the disciple named Thomas.

A. Because of the __________ ____________ in Thomas’s life we find that our text today is less about Thomas’s unbelief and more about the Lord’s ministry to Thomas as Christ Himself dispelled his unbelief by granting him what was necessary for belief! In this we find how Christ has also ____________ for our faith that we would believe in Him, the Risen ____________.

B. And let us remember that ____________ in the resurrected Christ is an ____________ of the Christian faith for, as we quote often, Romans 10:9 says, “... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that ______ __________ ___ from the dead, you shall be saved.”

I. The disciple Thomas had ______ ________ the resurrected Lord.

A. Having seen the Lord, the ten disciples excitedly and joyously and repeatedly told Thomas over and over saying “____ ________ _________ the Lord!”

B. Just as emphatically as the Ten told Thomas that they had seen the Lord, so did he reply saying, “___________ __ shall _______ in His hands the imprints of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, ___ ______ ______ believe.”

C. But after eight days the Lord’s disciples (Thomas included) had again gathered inside. And very much as ____________ _____________ to the Ten on the Resurrection Day, He suddenly came and stood in their midst even though the doors were shut.

1. Just as miraculous as before, as the eleven disciples met behind barred doors Jesus came and stood in their midst. And again He said, “__________ be ________ ________.”

D. As He had the others, our Lord ever so graciously granted Thomas that which makes for ____________ _____________, showing Himself to be the ____________ ____________.

E. ______ showing Thomas His hands and side and after commanding him to reach and touch the scars left by the crucifixion then, ______ that, Jesus then commanded Thomas saying, “____ not unbelieving, but ____________!”

II. By the grace of God and through the manifestation of Christ, ____________ _____________ in the Risen Savior!

A. “Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘____ Lord and my ________!’”

1. This is a holy act of worship for Thomas answered and said to Him! This was no show for the other disciples but it was the pure and true ____________ _____________ a ____________-filled soul!
2. And Thomas did not answer and say, “Lord and God” but “____ Lord and ___ God!”

a. And dear church, what peace must have flooded his soul for he went from unbelief to belief! Christ is risen – and Thomas possesses Him! ______________ Himself ___ ___ _________!

3. And here, in this statement, did Thomas confess Christ as both Lord and ________. To confess Jesus as Lord is one thing, to confess Him as God very God is quite another! William Hendricksen writes, “In Jesus he recognizes his sovereign, yes even ______ ______! For a Jew that was a remarkable confession.” And A.W. Pink wrote, “How marvelous are the ways of Divine grace. Doubting Thomas was the one who gave the strongest and most conclusive testimony to the Absolute Deity of the Savior which ever came from the lips of a man! ... Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound!” And of this MacArthur writes, “Significantly, ____________ did not correct him, but accepted Thomas’s affirmation of His _________.” Beloved, as Thomas answered and said, let us believe that Jesus is at once both __________ _____ ________!

III. Jesus pronounced that those who ____________________ in Him even though they did not see Him are most ____________! This would apply to O.T. saints, N.T. saints, and saints yet to be born into the Kingdom.

A. For Thomas and the other disciples it was the will of God that Christ appear to them bodily, but after Christ ascended this would happen no more. And now there is not the need of His physical appearance or _______ _________ the _______________ Record of those who saw and believed. And those who have believed because of their Word are most ______________ for though they have not seen the Lord yet have they believed.

IV. John defined his Spirit-inspired purpose in writing this letter. Though Jesus worked many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book, John wrote these so that those of us who have _______ ________ Christ would ______________ in Him through what was written of Him – for faith comes by hearing!

Closing: ______ _______ believe the Word of John’s eye-witness testimony. Believe upon the Lord Jesus, that He is the Christ, the Son of God, the Risen Savior, just as He is revealed to be in this Holy Book, and you will ___ _________!

In the text we find that as __________ Himself provided what was necessary for Thomas’s faith, so too has He ______________ what is necessary for our faith.

A. Christ through His Word has supplied everything we need for faith – for faith comes by hearing. Will you _______ and ______________? Jesus, the Risen __________________, is both Lord and God!