

# SERMON NOTES

## That You May Believe

John 20:19-31 | 17 September 2023 | Rev Dr Nathanael Goh

1. Many today assume that faith was easier in antiquity. We consider our beliefs superior to our forebears. The story of Thomas and the disciples in the locked room reminds us that people weren't quite as gullible or unquestioning as we think they were back then – people knew that humans don't just rise from the dead, or appear suddenly in locked rooms. How does that impact your understanding of the truth, handed down for almost 2000 years, of the Christian confession that Christ is risen?
2. We discovered how Jesus addresses three causes of doubt: distrust of others, cosmic fear, and self-doubt. Jesus patiently stays with us and addresses these fears. Share with your group if you have or are currently experiencing these, and how they might have caused you to doubt God. How might you continue to support each other amidst these fears?
3. “These were written that you may believe, that by believing you might have life in His Name.” (John 20:31) Christian belief is not just the rational assent of intellectual abstractions. It requires choosing to believe in Christ, and pursuing the implications of that belief in the way we live. What personal habits, church practices, and ways of participating in wider culture can you put in place to witness to your belief in Christ?

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### Our Vision

To be disciples of Jesus Christ

### Our Mission

We exist to make disciples who love God, love one another and love the lost

