

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

THE LAST BEATITUDE

John 20:28-31

1. The Doubter's great confession of faith

Thomas's doubt

Thomas's confession of faith

Jesus is *LORD!* Jesus is *GOD!*

Jesus is "*my Lord and my God*"

The climax of John's gospel testimony to the church & to the world

2. Jesus' last beatitude

"Beatitude" - blessing pronounced on someone.

The famous "Beatitudes" are in the Sermon on the Mount,

Matthew 5:3-12.

Was our Lord criticizing Thomas?

He could have said the same of all the Apostles.

The great difference

Thomas, the apostles & others saw with their eyes Jesus alive from the dead,

Thomas doubted, then saw, then believed.

All people since (like us) have "only" heard their testimony.

You multitudes have moved from unbelief to faith in Christ without seeing with their eyes.

How?

The Spirit of God using the Word of God enables lost, dead, &

Blind people to "see" Christ & their need for Him,

And to believe in Him – as *our Lord and our God*.

What is the blessing?

Vs. 31: "(eternal) life in His name"