



LOVE FOR THE GOD

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

JOHN 20:1-4

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and **we don’t know where they have put him!**” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.*

JOHN 20:5-10

*He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)** Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.*

JOHN 20:11-15

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" **"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but **she did not realize that it was Jesus.** He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? **Who is it you are looking for?**" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

JOHN 20:16-18

*Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. **Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’**” Mary Magdalene **went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!”** And she told them that he had said these things to her.*

JESUS TOLD THEM WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Matt 17:22: When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and **on the third day he will be raised to life.**" And the disciples were filled with grief.

JESUS TOLD THEM WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Luke 24:5-7 “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’”

MARK 16:10–14

She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, **they did not believe it.** Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. These returned and reported it to the rest; **but they did not believe them either.** Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; **he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.**





PSYCHOLOGISTS ARIEN MACK AND IRVIN ROCK

“INATTENTIONAL BLINDNESS”

“One of the reasons why people so often
"miss the gorilla," so to speak, is simply
because the stimulus **does not fit into their**
idea of what a basketball game
is **supposed to look like.**”



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LUKE 24:21-24

*We had hoped that he was the one who was going to **redeem Israel**. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, **but they did not see Jesus.**"*

LUKE 24:25-26

He said to them, “*How foolish you are, and how slow to believe* all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?”

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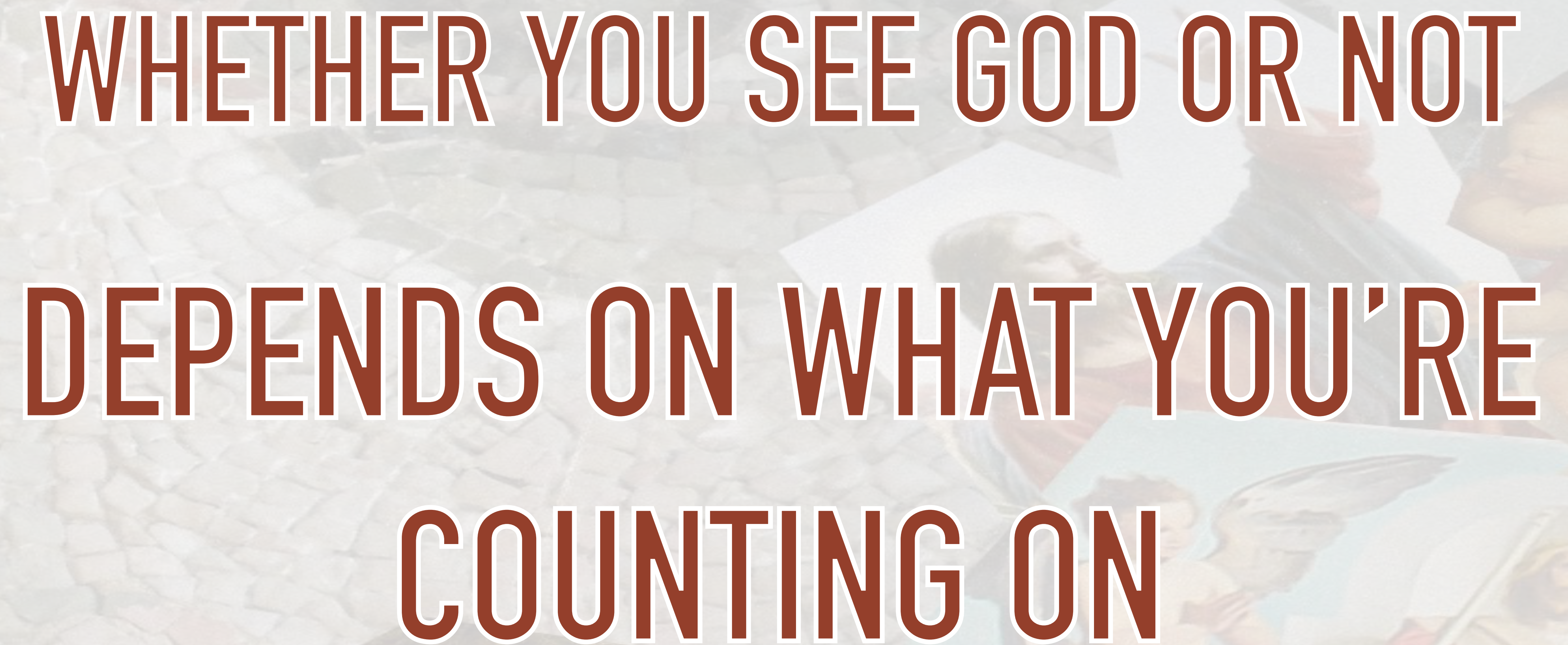
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4. Blinded by the **Sensational**: You are looking for **physical validation**.

JOHN 20:25

He said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

The background is a faded, high-resolution image of a religious painting. It depicts a scene inside a church with a stone floor. Several figures are visible: a man in a blue robe looking upwards, a woman in a red robe holding a staff, and other figures in the background. The overall tone is soft and ethereal.

WHETHER YOU SEE GOD OR NOT
DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU'RE
COUNTING ON



GOD IS ALREADY LOOKING FOR YOU.

BUT WHAT ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR?

JOHN 20:17,18

MARY!... “GO and tell them.”

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HOW CAN WE BEGIN LOOKING TO GOD?

1. Look for God's big & little graces in the past
2. Look for God speaking in the present
3. Look to God's promises of the future



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