



# Vacant Tomb Convictions

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# Peter and John

## ◇ Peter

- ◇ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, (John 20:6; cf. Luke 24:12: wonder)

## ◇ John

- ◇ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ...Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; (John 20:5, 8)

# Mary

- ◇ **"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." (John 20:2)**
- ◇ **"They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." (John 20:13)**
- ◇ **"Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." (John 20:15)**

# Thomas

- ◇ But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." (John 20:25)
- ◇ Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, "...Do not disbelieve [*a | pistos*], but believe [*pistos*]." (John 20:27 ESV)

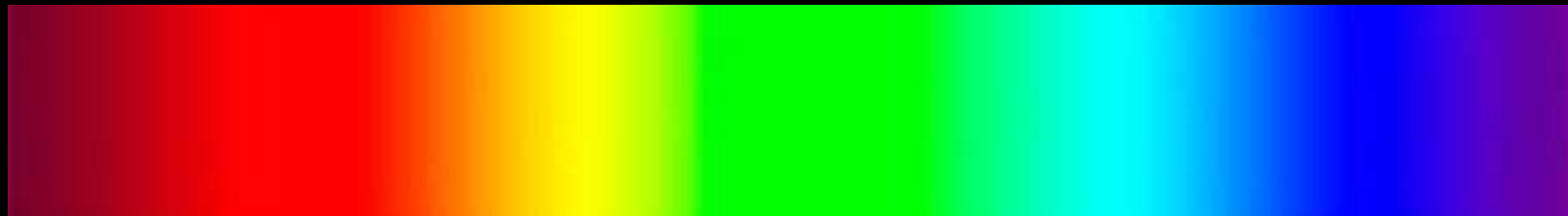
# Spectrum of Convictions

**John**

**Peter**

**Mary**

**Thomas**



**Belief**

**Confusion**

**Conspiracy**

**Disbelief**

# Integration

- ◇ **Jesus said to him [Thomas], "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29; cf. 1 Peter 1:8)**
- ◇ **telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. (Acts 17:18)**

# Integration

- ◇ **Jesus said..., "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)**

# Benediction

Now may the God of peace,  
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good so that you may  
do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in  
his sight, through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13:20-21)