

John 20:24-31 John Crawford March 31, 2024

A Doubting Skeptic (20:24-25)

- Thomas doubted because the one he thought was the Messiah died.
- Thomas was skeptical and didn't believe that Jesus had been resurrected and was alive.
 - What causes you to doubt?

A True Believer (20:26-28)

- When Thomas saw the resurrected body of Jesus he believed and declared, "My Lord and my God!"
 - Who do you believe Jesus is?
- Thomas' declaration was more than just a theological statement, it was a personal confession.
 - Are you living as if your personal confession about Jesus is true?

A Life-Giving Witness (20:29-31)

- Thomas believed on the basis of the visible word (Jesus); we believe on the basis of the written word (Bible).
- God doesn't call us to a blind, irrational faith; instead, he calls us to a faith that's rooted in
 objective truth namely, the historical bodily resurrection of Jesus.
 - Do you believe in Jesus' resurrection?
- Those who believe have life and will live forever.

Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

Order of Service

Call to Worship: Matthew 28:1-9

"Praise the King"

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:9-10

"O Praise the Name"

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 2:12-13; Romans 8:32-34

"Before the Throne of God Above"

"Death Was Arrested"

Prayer

Sermon: John 20:24-31

"Jerusalem"

Partaking of the Lord's Supper Prayer and Benediction

Announcements

Elder Recommendations

At our most recent Members' Meeting, the elders recommended three men as prospective new elders: Matt Campbell, Josh Reasons, and Daniel Sylvester. Take the next few weeks to prayerfully consider whether these men meet the biblical qualifications of elders (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). If you have questions or concerns about any of these men meeting the elder qualifications, please reach out to that elder candidate or the current elders. We will vote on these recommendations following the Worship Gathering on April 7.

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, April 7 / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we'll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

Exploring Membership Class

Sundays, April 21 & 28 / 12:15-2:30 p.m. / Social Room

Are you interested in membership at CFC, or would you simply like to learn about our church? Join us for this two-part class. Lunch will be provided. Sign up by April 14 at crossfellowshipchurch.org/membership.

Elders

- John Crawford / john.crawford@ crossfellowshipchurch.org
- Jared Chasteen / jared.chasteen@ crossfellowshipchurch.org

Discipleship Communities

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

Nursing Mothers

We offer a nursing mothers' room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

Children's Discipleship

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes.

Sundays at 9 a.m.

- K-2nd grade: rm. 202
- 3rd-6th grade: rm. 206

Sundays during the Worship Gathering

- Infants (ages 6-12 mo.)
- Toddlers (ages 1-2): rm. 206
- Pre-K (ages 3-4): rm. 202

Sundays at 6 p.m.

• Youth group: 7th-12th grade

Offering

Thank you for your generosity! There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)
- Online at crossfellowship church.org/give (scan the QR code)

*Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you!

