



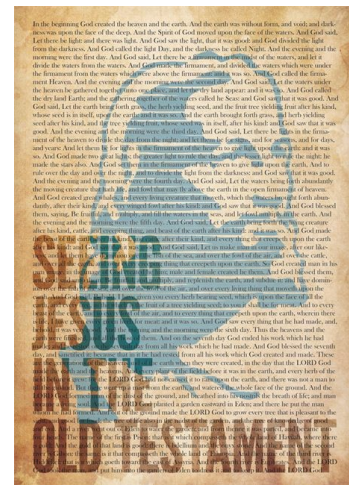
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Welcome to this month's edition of the Concordia Bible Institute (CBI) e-Bulletin.

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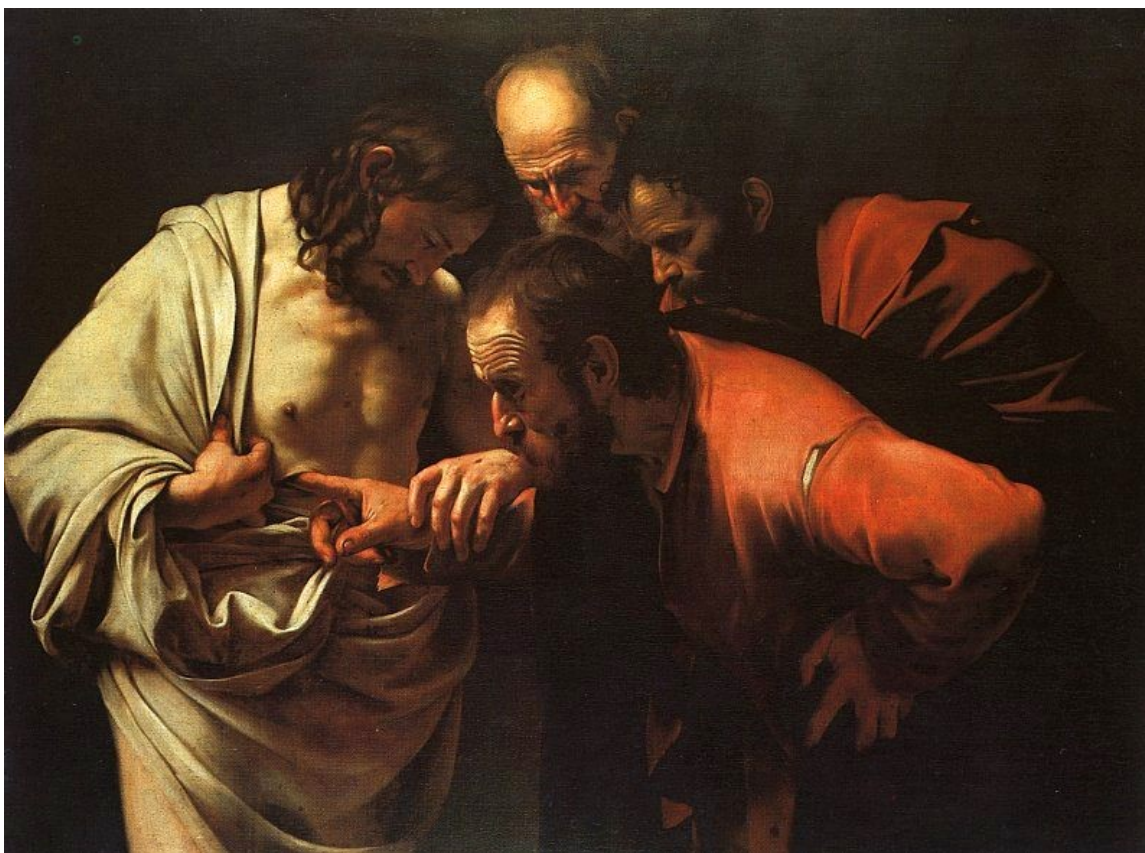
"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word.

When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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"The Church of Saint Thomas"

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

And of all the accounts of Jesus' resurrection, his appearance to Thomas is certainly one of the most popular. Take another look at the precise details of this narrative, however, and you may find that it's not as much about "doubting Thomas" as it is about Christian worship of all times and places.

John begins the account like this: "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you'" (Jn 20:19).

It's Easter day. It may be dark ("the evening of that day"), but the disciples are about to see the Light of the world. They may be hiding behind the things of this world ("the doors were locked"), but One is coming who has the key to death (Rev. 1:18).

Intriguingly, even after Jesus says "Peace be with you," his disciples do not yet respond. They may have spent roughly three years with him, regularly hearing his voice, but it's only after Jesus "showed them his hands and his side" that "the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord" (Jn. 20:20). They respond only after witnessing the wounds of Jesus.

I'll return to this in a moment.

After commissioning his disciples with the task of forgiving and retaining sins (Jn 20:21–23), we're then told that Thomas “was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ 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’” (Jn 20:24–25).

Why Thomas wasn't there, we're not told. But perhaps that's the point: not everyone was present on that first Easter day. It's interesting that Thomas is also not content with what the disciples say: “We have seen the Lord.” Thomas instead wants **contact with the risen *and crucified* Lord**.

The opportunity for this comes on the following Sunday: “Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you’” (Jn 20:26).

Again, this happens not four or ten days later, but eight. From one Sunday to the next Sunday, Jesus comes “among” his disciples (lit., “in the middle of them”), and says again and again, “peace be with you.” He then declares to Thomas: “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe” (Jn 20:27).

Fascinating! As Jesus comes and stands “in the middle of” his disciples on that first Easter day, so also does the risen Christ come and stand in the middle of his people Sunday after Sunday, eighth day after eighth day. As he repeatedly said “Peace be with you” in these resurrection appearances, so also does this same Easter greeting continue to go forth in Christian worship.

We may not have been present on that first Easter, but we, like Thomas, are given a share in that original Easter experience through physical contact with the wounds of Jesus. Thomas was right all along: *the best way to witness the first Easter is by encountering the crucified and risen Christ **physically***. Jesus' imperative to “Put your finger here” is of the same substance as his imperative to “Take, eat” and “Take, drink.” And when that happens, he is risen indeed, alleluia!

Dr. Brian German
Director of the Concordia Bible Institute

Don't miss your opportunity to attend these presentations:

May 3, 10, & 17

See below for further details.

Seeing the Resurrection Today



The accounts of Jesus' resurrection are often seen as describing something that happened a long time ago. That may be true, but the greatest part of these narratives is how they put the resurrection right into the church's worship of all times and places. Come take a fresh look at these beloved texts on the following dates with Dr. Brian German, Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute.

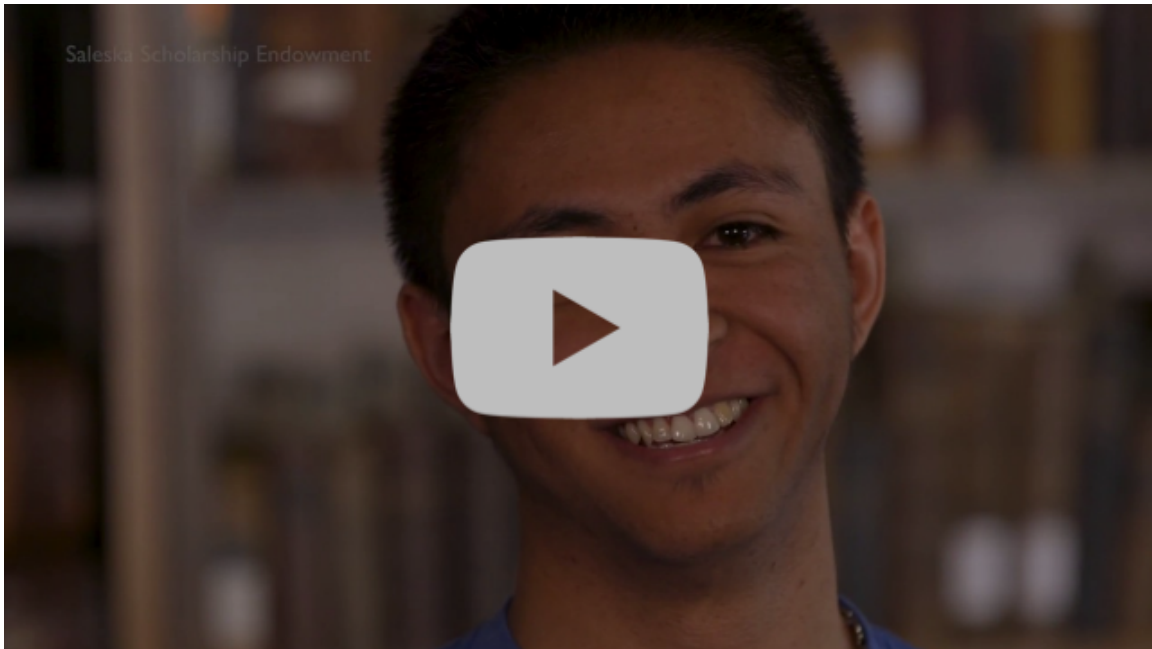
***May 3, 10, and 17 from 6:30–8pm
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Thank you! Blessings in Christ,

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Saleska Scholarship Endowment

In honor of Rev. Dr. John Saleska's legacy of teaching "Christ in Every Word" among us, CBI has established "The Concordia Bible Institute Saleska Scholarship Endowment," whose purpose is to provide financial assistance to pre-seminary students at Concordia University Wisconsin. In an age of biblical illiteracy, it is hoped that this endowment will help future pastors carry forward Dr. Saleska's lifelong conviction of teaching "Christ in Every Word" as they read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Scriptures.




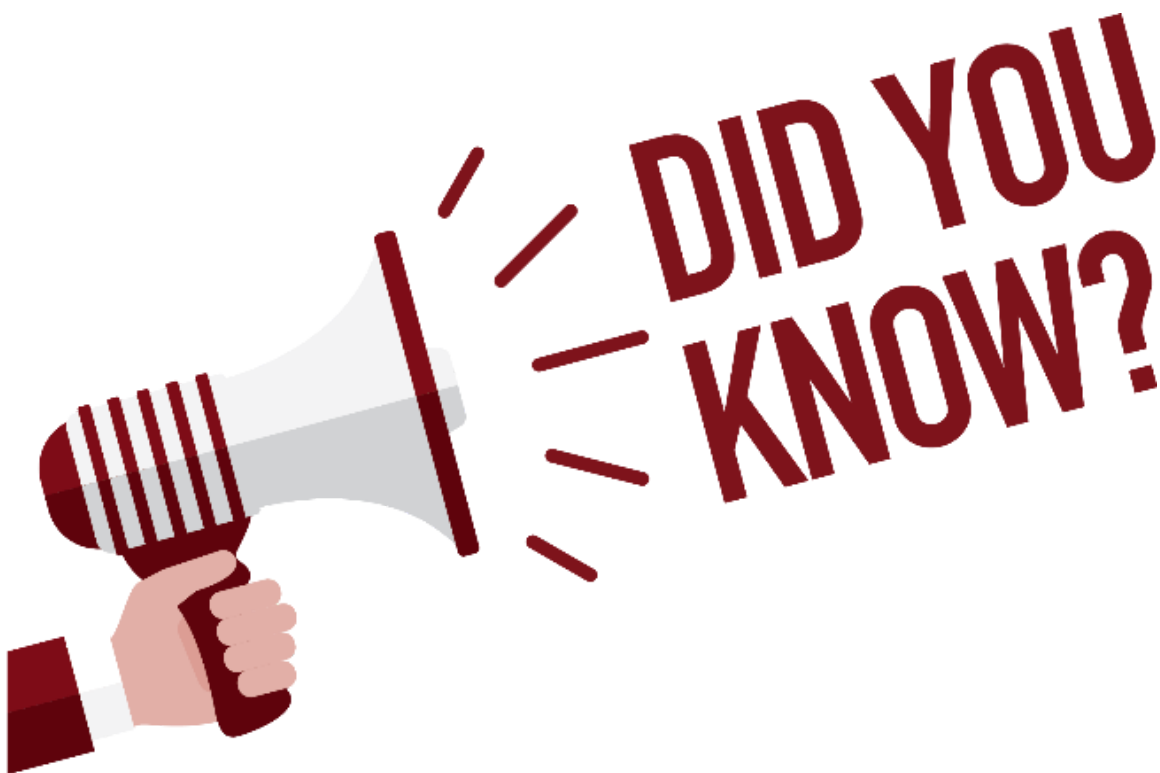
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
1 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Titus, Philemon	2 Psalm 121 Hebrews 1-4	3 Psalm 122 Hebrews 5-7	4 Psalm 123 Hebrews 8-10	5 Psalm 124 Hebrews 11-13	6 Psalm 125 James 1-3	7 Psalm 126 James 4-5
8 Psalm 127 1 Peter 1-2	9 Psalm 128 1 Peter 3-5	10 Psalm 129 2 Peter	11 Psalm 130 1 John 1-3	12 Psalm 131 1 John 4-5	13 Psalm 132 2 John, 3 John, Jude	14 Psalm 133 John 1-2
15 Psalm 134 John 3-4	16 Psalm 135 John 5-6	17 Psalm 136 John 7-8	18 Psalm 137 John 9-10	19 Psalm 138 John 11-12	20 Psalm 139 John 13-14	21 Psalm 140 John 15-16
22 Psalm 141 John 17-18	23 Psalm 142 John 19	24 Psalm 143 John 20-21	25 Psalm 144 Acts 1-2	26 Psalm 145 Acts 3-4	27 Psalm 146 Acts 5-6	28 Psalm 147 Acts 7-8
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Dr. German's newest course "***The Sent Life: A Study of Sending in the Gospel of John***" is available now, along with his first course "***Watch.Read.Reflect: Christ in the Old Testament.***"

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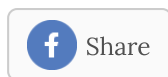
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