# John 14:21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

**21**They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The readings for 2nd Sunday of Easter posed 1 question on 2 topics, for me.

First topic concerning: The parting of the Red Sea.

Second topic: The Risen Christ.

The question is:

Why on earth should I accept these as truth?

**First Topic: The Parting of the Red Sea**

### **Exodus 14 The Pursuers Drowned (NewRSV)**

[**21**](https://biblehub.com/exodus/14-21.htm)And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided. [**22**](https://biblehub.com/exodus/14-22.htm)And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. [**23**](https://biblehub.com/exodus/14-23.htm)And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

[**26**](https://biblehub.com/exodus/14-26.htm)And the LORD said unto Moses, stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. [**27**](https://biblehub.com/exodus/14-27.htm)And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. [**28**](https://biblehub.com/exodus/14-28.htm)And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. [**29**](https://biblehub.com/exodus/14-29.htm)But the children of Israel walked upon dry *land* in the midst of the sea; and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Is this, a load of non-sense? Or did it actually happen?

Where’s the proof?

If there is a physical / historical proof, it’s around 3,500 years old

‘……those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Folk are indeed fascinated to search for the truth of many biblical stories and reports.

And It’s interesting that; what appears to be the remains of an Arc? have been found on top of a mountain in Turkey. And the remains have been dated at the time of Noah.

Similarly, the search for where Moses and the people of God crossed the Red Sea has never stopped and some feel that this place has been found.

Below is a ‘YouTube’ link for a documentary which shows the remains of relics left behind, in a place which is suggested the Red Sea was crossed.

The video is 14mins long

# Exodus Revealed Search for the Red Sea Crossing 05 of 06

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReTJUL2cGro>

**What do you think?**

**Second topic: The Risen Christ.**

### **Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

**19**When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **20**After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Is this, a load of non-sense? Or did it actually happen?

Where’s the proof? Why on earth should we accept these as truth?

It has been my experience that Our Father, through the Ministry of Jesus has led me to rely positively, to the action of the Spirit, that further allows His wisdom to come to me in a way I can understand.

This began for me; from the first time I was led to an understanding of

**Exodus 19**

**5**Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, **6**you[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2033a)] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

If you ctrl/click on the link below and watch a short time from about the 2-minute mark, you can see the passage explained.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6S1LelSQsc>

# Exodus 19-20 Israel at Mt. Sinai / The Ten Commandments

**Then in exodus 20, God gives us the beginning of the way to Our Salvation: The Ten Commandments**

And as told to us in Ex 19; When we live by this Covenant, we begin our journey into the Priesthood of God by the covenant set down in Ch 20.

This Priesthood is for any person that that lives by the 10 Commandments. We don’t have to be a Scholar or an Academic. We don’t have to be Famous or Important in society.

We definitely don’t have to reside on the top of the pile,

We just have to be ourselves and live the commandments.

This is why the Apostle Peter reminds us in 1 Peter:

# 1 Peter 2:9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

**9**But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Thomas has had a couple of problems with proof, understandably.

John 14 **5**Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6**Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7**If you know me, you will know[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-26665d)] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

And in today’s reading

### **Jesus and Thomas**

**24**But Thomas (who was called the Twin[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A+19-31&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-26881a)]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25**So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

**26**A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **27**Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

We may have doubts sometimes but:

How has Jesus shaped your life? Is that proof enough for you?

Personally, I can’t ignore the positive impact that Jesus has had on my life and for my part in His Ministry. My life has been so enhanced just by knowing about Jesus and trying to understand the depth of the unbounding love that the Trinity has for us.

The proof for me is revealed in the practice

Thank you Jesus