

A SKEPTIC'S MIND IS CHANGED FOREVER

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John 20:29

God, I believe, by the evidence, that Jesus was more than a prophet. I believe that his miracles and his resurrection prove that he is God, the Son. Today, I want to respond to that evidence. Jesus, I ask you to be fully present in my life, to lead me, to forgive me, and to live through me. I'm yours. To you I say: "My Lord and my God!"