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EVIDENCE FOR LIFE BEYOND EARTH

Scientists recently applied complex layers of technology to examine a specific planet designated as K2-18b for signs of alien life. This planet fits the potential profile for one that could support life: the right distance from its star, the right kind of atmosphere, and rich in chemical building-blocks that life requires on earth. Scientists even used precision telescopes and other technology to “listen” for transmissions that would indicate intentionally-crafted communication. To date, there have been no confirmed sound signatures that point to intelligent life. The search for life outside of our planet relies on technology created to detect life as we know it. Some theorize that we do not yet understand life as it might appear outside of earth.

EVIDENCE OF JESUS' RESURRECTION

In Scene One, Jesus has given a clear report about Lazarus to his disciples: Lazarus died from an illness. Jesus is eager to go to Lazarus, to cause others to believe. Thomas rallies the other disciples with a courageous attitude—willing to face death with Jesus. In Scene Two, we skip ahead to the eve of Jesus' arrest. Jesus is promising to go ahead of them, but he is talking about departing to be with God the Father. Thomas asks how to follow Jesus, to wherever he is going. Jesus gives an indirect answer: find God by following Jesus. In Scene Three, Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room. Jesus appears, and Thomas gets all the evidence he needs. Thomas is together with the other disciples, when they meet Jesus again beside the Sea of Galilee.

1. What kind of evidence would persuade you that alien life exists?
2. How does Jesus help Thomas, and others, find evidence to believe?
3. How does the resurrection and power of Jesus address your questions?

Additional Resources

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Playlists

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Study Resources

Commentary: [Yung Suk Kim's "Commentary on John 20:19-31"](#)
Commentary: [Thomas L. Constable's "3. Jesus' Comforting Revelation in View of His Departure 14:1-24"](#)
Article: [Bible Hub on "Who Was Thomas in the Bible?"](#)