

The Hands of Jesus

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:1-3

If I am understanding John's opening words in his gospel, the hands of Jesus formed all things that were made. The mountains, valleys, oceans, and trees were all formed by the hands of Jesus. The sun, moon, stars and galaxies were formed by the hands of Jesus. And the hands of Jesus formed each one of us. Then one day those hands became human hands.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

I'm sure like most new parents Mary and Joseph placed one of their fingers into the palm of their baby's hands. And as Jesus squeezed their finger they felt the grip of the creator of all things. During the earthly life of Jesus his hands would do amazing things. Learning from His earthly father, Jesus' hands would grip a hammer and a chisel as He learned the art of carpentry. Jesus' hands would touch Peter's mother-in-law and heal her of a fever. He touched the eyes of two blind men and gave them sight. He touched the ears and the tongue of a deaf mute giving him both hearing and the ability to speak. He even touched a leper and made him clean. But the most significant thing that the hands of Jesus touched happened on a hill called Golgotha. This time someone else's hand held the hammer as nails were driven through the hands of Jesus. Jesus willingly stretched out His hands so that you and I may find salvation through Him.

The final touch we read about in the gospels came in the opposite direction. Rather than reaching out to touch, Jesus invited Thomas to reach out and touch His hands where the nails had been. Thomas' response to Jesus should be our response to Jesus. Thomas simply said, "My Lord and my God!" The hands of Jesus have formed us and saved us. There is only one response we should have. Bow down and say, "My Lord and my God!"

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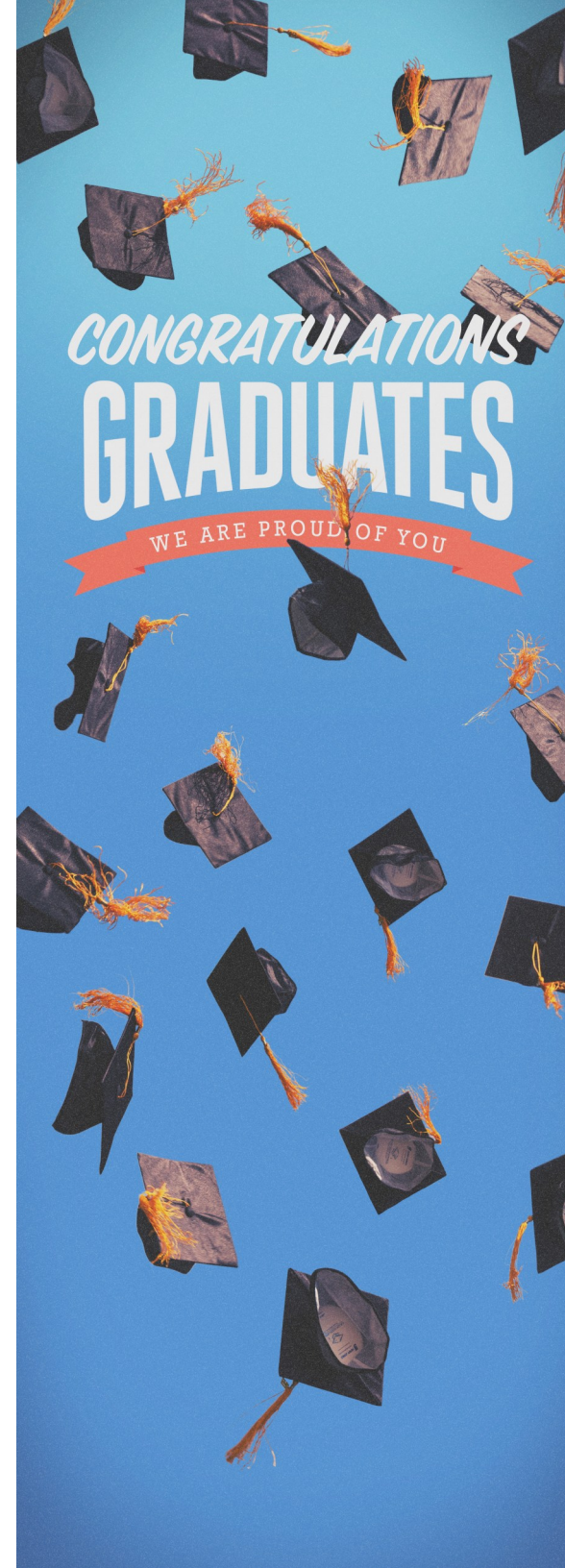
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