

Chocolate Covered Holy Spirit

by Mark Englehardt

- 1: Did you know there's a man who put 11 Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches in his mouth and held them there for 10 seconds!
- 2: Ew! Stop it! That's just gross! Not to mention highly unbelievable!
- 1: I believe it.
- 2: Why would someone even do that? It's absolutely disgusting!
- 1: What? He didn't eat them; he just held them in his mouth.
- 2: It doesn't matter. I don't believe that anyone would want to hold bugs in their mouth. I don't believe anyone actually did that. I think you've been reading too many urban legends.
- 1: No, it's true! I read it on the "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" website!
- 2: *(sarcastically)* Oh, well, if it was on the internet, then it must be true!
- 1: Stop making fun of me. People eat chocolate covered ants and grasshoppers all the time. Why would it be so hard to believe that someone would put cockroaches in their mouth, too?
- 2: All the time? Do you actually know anyone who has eaten a chocolate covered ant or grasshopper?
- 1: Well, no...But I would! I'd eat them. I bet they taste good too.
- 2: Of course you would. You believe anything you read online.
- 1: I do not; besides, at least I believe in something. You don't believe in anything!
- 2: That's not true.
- 1: It is too. Unless you see it with your own eyes, you never believe in anything.
- 2: Well you know what they say, "seeing is believing".
- 1: Whatever you say "Thomas".
- 2: What?
- 1: Thomas, the disciple; the one who doubted that Jesus rose from the dead.
- 2: No. I'm not like Thomas. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and I didn't see him.
- 1: I'm shocked, I can hardly believe that! Tell me, how can a skeptic like you believe something like that?
- 2: You know what, my faith, it comes easy. It's because of the Holy Spirit at work in my life. The Holy Spirit has made sure that the right people have been in my life at the right times, and I've never doubted my faith. Hebrews 11:1 tells us "faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." That verse isn't talking about having faith in something we saw or read online. It's talking about our faith in Christ.

- 1: You know you're right about your faith coming from the Holy Spirit. That's just what we say in the meaning to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed too.
- 2: I was just about to say that! "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.
- 1: "But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.
- 2: "In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
- 1: "In this Christian church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.
- 2: "On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
- 1 & 2: "This is most certainly true!"
- 1: I'm sorry 2. I shouldn't have doubted your faith in Christ as your savior.
- 2: That's okay. I am a bit skeptical at times. I can understand why you might think that. I just think there are a lot of things in this sinful world that we need to be cautious of. We can't just believe everything we see or hear. And if it doesn't mesh with what the Bible says, then, yes, you can bet I'm going to be skeptical.
- 1: Okay, alright, well then tell me, if it tells us in the Bible that John the Baptist ate locusts, how come you won't believe that a man can hold 11 cockroaches in his mouth for 10 seconds? Hmm?
- 2: *(putting hands over ears)* Enough already! Oh that is just so disgusting! *(turns and exits away from 1.)*
- 1: *(following 2)* Shoot, I bet John the Baptist could probably hold 12 in his mouth! *(exit.)*

End scene.

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