

THE DOUBTS OF THOMAS

John 20:24-29

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But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." John 20:24-25

What do we learn from the doubts of Thomas?

1. It is easy to become skeptical when you have been hurt.

A. Thomas really loved Jesus.

Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

John 11:16

B. Thomas wanted to be with Jesus.

*"And you know the way where I am going." Thomas *said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" John 14:4-5*

C. Thomas was greatly saddened and disillusioned.

1. He distanced himself from the group.

2. He wouldn't believe the many eye-witnesses.

2. It is wonderful to know that the Lord knows our hearts.

*And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus *came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He *said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." John 20:26-27*

A. Thomas desperately needed peace.

B. Thomas desperately wanted the news to be true.

3. It is life-changing to believe in the resurrected Jesus.

Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." John 20:28-29

A. Seeing doesn't save you, believing does.

B. Seeing the depth of His sacrifice compels you to surrender.

If you want to be blessed, jettison your doubts and believe.