

Doubt that Profits the Soul

I. Introduction: Rethinking “Doubting Thomas”

- Thomas, called the _____, is often remembered for _____.
- Thomas is mentioned _____ times in the New Testament.
 - _____ times in the lists of the Twelve
 - _____ times in the Gospel of John

II. Who Was Thomas?

A. Thomas was deeply _____ (John 11:16).

“Let us also go, that we may _____ with him.”

B. Thomas was intellectually _____ and willing to ask _____ questions (John 14:5-6).

Jesus said, “I am the _____, the _____, and the _____.”

C. Thomas was slow to believe without _____, but fully _____ once convinced (John 20).

III. Doubt That Undermines or Defines Faith

- Doubt can either _____ your faith or _____ your faith.

- Key Text: John _____: _____ – _____
- Thomas's confession: "My _____ and my _____!" (v. 28)

IV. Why the Label "Doubting Thomas" Falls Short

- We do not call Peter "_____ Peter."
- In the family of Jesus, honest _____ are not excluded but shepherded toward _____.

V. Thomas After the Resurrection

- Thomas traveled approximately _____ miles from Jerusalem to India.
- The journey likely took _____ to _____ months.
- He established _____ and a _____ Christian communities in Kerala.
- Thomas was martyred around AD _____ by being pierced with a _____.

Map: Thomas's Missionary Journey

Trace the journey of Thomas from Jerusalem to India and consider the cost of faithful witness.



VI. What You Can Take Away from This Message

1. Permission to Be Honest with _____

- Honest questions are not _____ questions.
- Jesus invites us: “Do not _____, but _____.” (John 20:27)

2. Assurance That Jesus Meets Us Where We _____

- Same _____.
- Same _____.
- Same _____.

3. A Call to Move from Private Faith to Public _____ (Acts 1:8)

- From _____ confession
- From confession _____
- From Jerusalem the _____ of the earth

4. A Redefinition of Spiritual _____

- Spiritual maturity is not never _____ or always having _____.
- It is staying with _____, wrestling _____, and responding _____.

5. Hope That God Uses Ordinary, _____ People

- Your weakest _____ may become God’s strongest _____.

6. An Invitation to Worship, Not Just _____

- The goal of faith is not _____, but _____.

Summary

Jesus meets honest _____, transforms them by _____, and sends them as _____ to the ends of the earth.