

# Easter 2017

## 2nd Sunday After Easter: Jesus Deals With Doubts

**Weekly Summary:** Do you have doubts about God? Does he really exist? Did Jesus really do all the stuff that churches claimed he did? Could God actually forgive me after messing up so much of my life? We are not the first people to wrestle with doubts. Jesus' original followers, the apostles, did too. In this message, we will journey back to the first Easter and see how Jesus deals with doubters.

❖ Luke 24:36 - While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Luke 24:37-38 - They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?"

Luke 24:39-40 - Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

Luke 24:41-43 - And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

❖ 1 John 1:1 - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

❖ Don't doubt the witnesses.



- ❖ Acts 17:32a - When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered.

❖ Next Step: Read/Watch **The Case For Christ**.

- ❖ Luke 24:44-45 - He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

- ❖ John 2:19 & 22 - 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ... 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said.

Matthew 12:40 - For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 16:21 - Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Matthew 27:63 - "We remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.'"

- ❖ Genesis 3:15 - "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring<sup>[a]</sup> and hers; he will crush<sup>[b]</sup> your head, and you will strike his heel."

Isaiah 53 - "After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied."

Psalms 16 - "You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay."

- ❖ Don't doubt the **passages**.

❖ Next Step: Sign up for **Bible 101**.



- ❖ Luke 24:46-48 - He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.
  
- ❖ Don't doubt the **promises**.

### **Points to Ponder**

1. What doubts/objections to Christianity do you hear the most often? How might today's message deal with those doubts?
2. From an intellectual perspective, which of the three proofs did you find most compelling for the truth of Jesus' resurrection?
3. Read the story of Doubting Thomas in John 20:24-31. How are you like Thomas? What is Jesus saying to you in verse 29?
4. Share today's podcast with at least one friend who is not a regular church goer.

### **Homework For Next Week: Romans 13:1-7**

*“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone,  
but in every leaf in springtime.”  
~ Martin Luther*

### **Worship Through Song at The CORE:**

1. “Glory To God Forever” - by Fee
2. “Jesus Messiah” - by Shane & Shane
3. “In Christ Alone” - by Keith & Kristyn Getty
4. “All Because Of Jesus” - by Fee