

**John – Jesus as Lord**  
**10/5/25- Pastor Zach**  
**John 20: 24-31, Heb 4:16**

**Connect:** Have you had doubts about your faith? What was that like for you? Have you had an experience where you shared that with someone and what was that like for you?

**Engage:** Reread John 20:24-29

Put yourself in the text. How would you respond if you were there and had been one of the disciples?

John understands the human condition. – How does that sit with you?

A.J. Swoboda-“Doubt is not the end of faith, it can be a doorway to deeper more authentic faith. “How does that strike you? Do you believe that?

Zach talked about 3 statements:

1. The reality of doubt
  - a. Everyone goes through questions
  - b. He reveals again the evidence – vs 26
  - c. We need to wrestle with doubt in community. – Do you share your questions and doubts with others?
  - d. Often our doubt reveals a prideful attempt to control the terms – Do you see this in yourself?
  - e. Have you ever struggled with this statement? I will not believe you God unless you answer in my terms.
2. Jesus meets us in our doubt. 26-27
  - a. Faith is tied to life and not a performance life – how does that look for you?
  - b. There is a saying” Fake it till you make it” but Zach said I am not going to fake it – Thomas is bold with his doubt and confession  
What do you think of this?
3. Faith is trust not certainty
  - a. Bring our doubts to Jesus. Bring them into Community. Trust that on the other side, God is building a faith that can say with Thomas My Lord and my God. Can you be bold enough to do that ?

**Apply:** What is the invitation for you this week? Where do you need to wrestle with Jesus and trust that He will meet you?

