



Bible study for the week starting April 7, 2024

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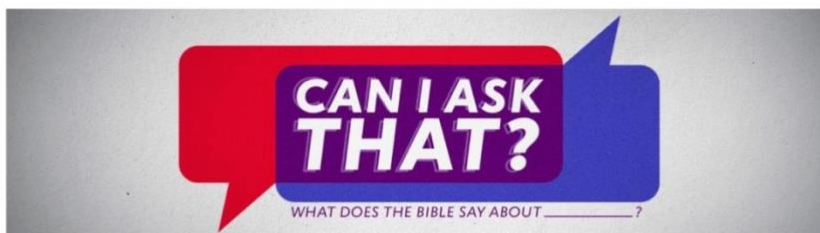
Talk about some of your questions or doubts that you have struggled with over the years. Maybe even a situation where you moved from unbelieving to belief. What in your opinion are the biggest questions that people struggle with when it comes to matters of faith?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **John 20:19-31** What from the story sticks out to you? What detail strikes you in a way it maybe hasn't before?
 - a. Read **John 20:19** again: What were the disciples afraid of? What are the moments of fear that you have in your life? What does Jesus offer in the midst of fear?
 - b. Read **John 20:20-21** Did Jesus come and confront them or comfort them?
 - c. Read **John 20:22-23** Gives these doubters a job...forgiveness.
 - i. Who was that job understood to be reserved for? **Mark 2:7**
 - d. Read **John 20:24-25**. This is the moment that cements Thomas's identity as "doubting thomas." In this he says unless I see and touch...I will never believe. What are the "unless I's" you've experienced in yourself or others.
 - e. Read **John 20:26-28** Jesus lets him sit in doubt for 8 days. Then comes and scolds him for his doubt? No, what does he let Thomas do?
 - f. Read **John 20:29-31** We don't get to put our hands in the nail holes, but we do have the word which results in the same blessing. Is this enough for the skeptic? "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

PRAY

Pray that we would bring our doubts and questions to the Lord and allow for his truth to transform by his Word.



Can I Ask That About the Resurrection?

JOHN 20:19-31

April 7, 2024 – Pastor Ben Schrank

Good questions [INFORM](#), great questions [TRANSFORM](#).

“Why do you seek the [LIVING](#) among the dead?” (Luke 24:5)

Hold ALL answers with [HUMILITY](#).

“...the doors being [LOCKED](#)...Jesus stood among them and said to them “[PEACE](#) be with you.” (John 20:19)

“Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called [THE TWIN](#), was not with them.” (John 20:24)

“Unless I see...I will [NEVER](#) believe.” (John 20:25)

“How can we know the [WAY](#)?” (John 14:5)

The resurrection is not about a philosophy in which we must wrap our minds around an idea, it’s about a [PERSON](#) seen and touched by those who wrapped their hands around His wounds.

“He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many [PROOFS](#).” (Acts 1:3)

“Have mercy on those who [DOUBT](#).” (Jude 22)

“My Lord and [MY](#) God.” – [BELIEVING THOMAS](#)

For next week: Can I Ask That About Death? Please Read 1 Corinthians 15:17-26