

Encounters With Jesus #7

"The Skeptic"

Encountering Jesus changes everything, by Pastor Jason on 5-5-24

Text: John 20:24-29

By nature, Thomas is:

- CRITICAL
- PESSIMISTIC
- MELANCHOLY
- And a DOUBTER

1. Thomas DESIRED to believe

2. Jesus didn't CONDEMN his doubts

3. Because of his encounter, Thomas became STRONGER

If you have doubts...

1. SEEK Jesus
2. Stay FAITHFUL
3. Keep TRUSTING
4. Keep FOLLOWING
5. Keep PRAYING

TOGETHER GROUP QUESTIONS

Read **John 20:24-29**. What stands out in this passage? What is God's heart wanting to communicate to us through this Scripture?

What are the things in your life or your past that cause you to be negative or pessimistic? Have you always been this way? Is it getting better or worse recently?

When are you most skeptical? And specifically, what has been the toughest parts of your faith journey that stirs the skeptic in you?

In what ways have you seen Jesus overcome your doubts?

Of these 5 encouragements when we're doubting, which is the most difficult for you, and which one would you like to focus on this week?

Seek Jesus
Stay faithful
Keep trusting
Keep following
Keep praying

After Thomas' encounter with Jesus, he was significantly changed, having a strong vibrant faith. Moving on from this discussion and study, how would you like this encounter with Jesus to change you?