

I DOUBT IT

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I. INTRODUCTION TO “DOUBTING THOMAS”

John 20:24-25 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

John 11:16 Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with Him.”

John 14:5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

II. THREE WAYS WE DOUBT

1. *We may doubt truth.*

“The Christian faith is based on the event of the resurrection. It is not based on the evidence for the resurrection.” - William Lane Craig

2. *We may doubt hope.*

- **Things may get worse before they get better.**

Psalms 30:5 For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

- **You are going to make it.**
- **This hope is not false. It is not just hope in today. It is hope in forever.**

Romans 5:3-5 (CSB) And not only that, but we also rejoice in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

3. *We may doubt Jesus.*

Matthew 26:56 Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

John 20:26 A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

- **Jesus is alive and present in your life.**
- **Jesus is alive and can bring peace to your life.**

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."

John 20:27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe."

- **Jesus is alive and loves you so much that He died for you.**
- **Jesus is alive. Stop doubting and believe.**

John 20:28 Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:29 Then Jesus told Him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.