

JOHN 20:24-31

RESPOND WITH FAITH

RESPOND TO DOUBT WITH FAITH

- Read John 20:24-25. Why did Thomas reject the testimony of the disciples?
- Where else do we see Thomas in the New Testament and what do those passages reveal about him? (see John 11:8-16 and 14:1-6)
- Why is faith the antidote to fear and doubt (see Matthew 14:22-33) and why must we live by faith? (see Romans 1:16-17 and Hebrews 11:1, 6)

RESPOND TO FACTS WITH FAITH

- Read John 20:26-29. Why is it so important to John to keep mentioning the doors were locked, and what does that reveal about Jesus?
- Read and discuss v. 27. Imagine being Thomas and having Jesus meet you in the middle of your doubt. What does Jesus meeting Thomas in this way reveal (both about Jesus and Thomas)?
- The evidence and facts were clear, but a recognition of facts does not save. What did Jesus call Thomas to do and why is faith essential for salvation (see Ephesians 2:8-9)?

RESPOND TO TRUTH WITH FAITH

- Read John 20:30 and compare it with John 21:25. What do these verses tell us and why are they important to our faith?
- John 20:31 is the purpose statement of John's Gospel. What does this verse mean and why was John so determined to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
- What's the difference between receiving truth and not just acknowledging it (see Romans 12:1-2)?
- Thomas is often referred to as "Doubting Thomas," yet history reveals he died a martyr for Christ. What changed in Thomas' heart to cause him to trust Jesus, even to the point of death?
- Discuss this quote from Corrie Ten Boom, "Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible (see 2 Corinthians 4:18)."

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