

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU

Most people's belief system is based on their desires, not on what is true.

Habakkuk 1:5 – Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it.

Why doubt?

1. Unexplained crisis.

John 16:33b – Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

2. Uncertain future.

John 14:4–5 – And you know the way to where I am going. “No, we don't know, Lord,” Thomas said. “We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

What does Jesus do with those who doubt?

John 20:19, 24–29 – That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.” Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!” “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

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1. Jesus gives space and grace.
2. Jesus brings peace in times of confusion.
3. Jesus anchors faith to an event, not to an explanation.
4. Jesus blesses those who believe without seeing.

Coming soon:

1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC! To sign up for text updates, use the QR code on the screens.
2. **Pray for Montreal:** Pray for our team this week as they head to Montreal. They will be working with our church partnership to serve and minister in the least evangelized city in North America.
3. **DRC 201:** For anyone who has attended DRC 101 and become a member of DRC, we invite you to go to the next level. DRC 201 gives you the opportunity to connect, serve, and grow in your relationships at DRC. Sign up today: Sunday, July 26, from 5–7 pm. Dinner will be provided.
4. **Baptisms:** If you're ready to go public with your faith, use the QR code to sign up for our next baptisms on Sunday, July 26. It's time to let others know about your relationship with Jesus.
5. **Harlem Mission Trip:** For anyone interested in learning more about our mission trip to NYC this November, join us for an info meeting after church on Sunday, August 2.

