

Believing is Seeing

Series: Doubting God--Part 1

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen." -Matthew 28:1-6 NLT

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him--but some of them doubted! -Matthew 28:16-17 NLT

Why Do You Doubt?

- Questions you can't answer
- Situations that seem unfair
- Innocent children/people suffering
- Hurts you can't resolve

The strongest faith isn't a faith that never doubts. The strongest faith is a faith that grows through your doubts.

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" John 20:24

But (Thomas) 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." -John 20:24-25 NLT

So then (Jesus) told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead...let us go to him." Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." -John 11:14-16 NIV

Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them.

-John 20:26 NLT

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 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."-John 20:26-27

God is not distant in your doubts.

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

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

Believing Gives Us Eyes to See!