

## From Doubt to Faith

John 20:24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 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 it." 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!" 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." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### In this Series, We Will Learn That . . .

. . . There is a beginning and ending to \_\_\_\_\_. We need to welcome changes and look for the \_\_\_\_\_ they provide.

### Getting to Know Thomas

1. Thomas was one of the \_\_\_\_\_ and a former \_\_\_\_\_.

John 21:2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

2. His name means "\_\_\_\_\_" in Hebrew or Greek. (תאומים or Δίδυμος).

3. He was intensely \_\_\_\_\_ but seems somewhat \_\_\_\_\_ in his attitude.

John 11:16 Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

4. His \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"



5. Legend says that Thomas was a missionary to \_\_\_\_\_ and was \_\_\_\_\_ there.

6. Thomas has been labeled, "the \_\_\_\_\_," but remember that \_\_\_\_\_ of the disciples doubted before they saw Jesus personally.

Luke 24:9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

7. Most importantly in this story, Thomas had \_\_\_\_\_ the previous \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

### "My Lord and My God"

1. This story happens one \_\_\_\_\_ after the resurrection.

John 20:A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them . . .

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ disciples shared their \_\_\_\_\_ with Thomas.

John 20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" . . .

John 20:18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" . . .

3. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ to believe what the disciples told him, because he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ it for himself.

John 20:25 . . . 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 it."

4. Jesus again \_\_\_\_\_ them with the message of \_\_\_\_\_.

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!"

5. Jesus offered Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ what he said he \_\_\_\_\_.

John 20:25 . . . "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 it."

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."

6. The statement of Thomas is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ in all of Scripture, declaring Jesus to be both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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

-- Thomas didn't need to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to believe.

-- To Thomas, this was intensely \_\_\_\_\_!

Matt. 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

-- To Thomas, this was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

-- And Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas' words.

7. Jesus shared a \_\_\_\_\_ though, that believing \_\_\_\_\_ proof is blessed (or causes happiness and joy).

John 13:17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

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."

### Belief

1. Jesus did \_\_\_\_\_ other miracles which proved His \_\_\_\_\_ to the disciples and most are \_\_\_\_\_ recorded in this Gospel.

2. These are written so that \_\_\_\_\_ can have enough \_\_\_\_\_ to believe.

3. And if you believe, you will have \_\_\_\_\_!

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