

A Bout with Doubt

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1. Great <u>faith</u> often starts with honest <u>doubts</u>

2. Thomas' bout with doubt

- Jesus died
- Thomas was lost
- Jesus <u>answered</u> Thomas' doubt

¹⁹ 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. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 24 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. 25 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." 26 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. 27 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!" 28 "My Lord" and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

John 20:19-20, 24-28 NLT

¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," says the LORD... **Jeremiah 29:13-14** NLT

Next Steps:
☐ Take my doubts about God to him in prayer and ask God to reveal the truth:
☐ Commit to grow closer to God and increase my faith by addressing my doubts and seeking God
☐ Read the account of Thomas in John 20:19-31
☐ Attend the rest of this series (or watch on our Youtube channel)