

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1431: Was 'Doubting Thomas' Really a Doubter?

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SHOW NOTES

1. What do we learn of Thomas' character in John 11:13-16, 14:3-6? Does John 20:24-29, where Thomas doubts the apostles' accounts of seeing a resurrected Jesus, indicate a different character? How did Jesus handle Thomas' doubts? (Luke 24:38-42)
2. How can we look at Thomas' doubting (and the doubting of others, including ourselves) more charitably? Was he the only one who initially did not believe in Jesus' resurrection?
3. How did Jesus help Thomas and all the apostles with their grief, doubts and future worries? (John 14:26-27)
4. Describe each of the Belief Lessons below and answer the additional question on each. (John 20:27).
 - a. Belief Lesson 1: Has Jesus spoken to you through the Scriptures when you needed help?
 - b. Belief Lesson 2: What does "behold" here mean? Why is that relevant?
 - c. Belief Lesson 3: Why might it be significant that these appearances are on Sundays?
 - d. Belief Lesson 4: Do I actually *perceive* Jesus' presence in my life?
 - e. Belief Lesson 5: What is the purpose of allowing us to have doubts?
5. What previous lessons had Jesus taught his disciples to develop their faith? (Luke 17:5-6, Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:36-41, Luke 8:22-25)
6. Compare the two approaches to faith:
 - a. John 20:27 and the faith of the Israelites in Hebrews 3:4,5
 - b. Hebrews 3:6 and the faith of the apostles after Pentecost
7. How much doubt has resulted in your life because you overlooked, minimized or explained away the evidence Christ has given you of his presence in your life? Consider some of the issues we listed in the Show Notes.
8. How do we fix our eyes on Jesus? (Hebrews 12:1-3)