



"That evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors, in fear of the Jewish leaders, when suddenly Jesus was standing there among them! After greeting them, he showed them his hands and side. And how wonderful was their joy as they saw their Lord! He spoke to them again and said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you refuse to forgive them, they are unforgiven." One of the disciples, Thomas, "The Twin," was not there at the time with the others. When they kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord," he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands—and put my fingers into them—and place my hand into 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 and greeting them. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger into my hands. Put your hand into my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" "My Lord and my God!" Thomas said. Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. But blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway.""

John 20:19-29 (TLB)

From Skepticism to Surrender

1. _____ doesn't _____ you.

Matthew 28:17 ^(NLT) – “When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!”

Mark 9:24 (NLT) – “The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!””

Matthew 17:20 (NIV) – “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Jude 1:22 (NLT) – “You must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering.”

James 1:5-7 (NIV) – “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.”

2. Resurrection _____ you with a _____.

John 20:27 (NIV) – “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 20:28 (NIV) – “Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”

John 11:25-26 (NLT) – “Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?””

Romans 10:9 (NLT) – “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

3. Your _____ others.

John 20:29 (NIV) – “Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

John 20:31 (NIV) – “But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV) – "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

Revelation 12:11 (NIV) – “They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...”

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John 20:28 (NIV)

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