

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. This weekend Pastor Ruben preached a message about the moment Jesus met Thomas after the resurrection. Thomas became known as "Doubting Thomas". If Jesus would meet you today, who would He meet? Are you known for being a skeptic, sarcastic, anxiety, complaining, kindness, a temper, loving, compassionate, or something else?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. How would you describe "Doubting Thomas?" Where else in the gospels is Thomas mentioned? See if you can find the verses!
3. Please read John 20:24-25.
 - What do you see in these verses that stand out?
 - Do you think Thomas was doubting before he met Jesus?
 - What was Thomas' prerequisite before he believed?
 - Is it possible to elevate your opinion above your faith?
 - How does our doubt predetermine our outcome?
4. What does Proverbs 3:7, and 12:15, mean to you?

Who are these verses describing? Describe this person.

5. Please read John 20:26-28.
 - What strikes you about this passage?
 - Do you think God would ever ask you to do something that He knew you couldn't do?
6. According to Hebrews 11:1, what is faith?
 - Is it possible to have doubt and fear?
 - Please read the rest of Hebrews chapter 11.
 - As you read it, what is common with all these heroes of faith?
7. According to John 20:29, who are the people that are considered to be "blessed" by God?
8. Please read Romans 4:18-25. What kind of faith did Abraham have?
9. Thomas is eventually transformed. He becomes the first to take the gospel to the Far East. He is known in India as St. Thomas. History tells us he was pierced to death. It's ironic that

he wanted to see Jesus' pierced side. We are encouraged that God can take what you were known for, and make you famous for who you are in Christ.

- What would you like to be known for?
- What would you like God to change?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Your opinion of how things should work out does not limit God
- "Faith is not the absence of doubt. Faith is the means to overcome it." -Steven Furtick
- Faith is a choice: the greatest people who please God, also have the greatest reasons to doubt.
- This Coronavirus needs carriers to survive. Jesus Christ needs carriers of faith.