

## DOUBTING THOMAS

### John 20:24-31

- I. Look at his character
  - A. Pessimist

John 11:16: "Let us also go that we may die with Him."  
14:5: "Lord, we don't know where You are going, so how can we know the way?"  
20:24-25: not with others when Jesus appeared; refused to believe unless touch Him!
  - B. Eager

John 20:26: with the disciples the following Sunday  
There are two kinds of doubters: *want* to believe  
*Not* want to believe
- II. Look at how Jesus blesses him
  - A. Hears him (John 20:27)
  - B. Meets him (John 20:26-27)

Invites him to fully satisfy his doubts  
His Resurrection is physical and historical; not simply spiritual, or a myth
- III. Look at his faith

From the lowest to the highest:  
"will not believe" (v25) to "My Lord and my God!" (v28)  
First to confess His deity!

#### IV. Look at how Jesus blesses **us!** (20:29-31)

- A. Note of prophecy

Luke 24:47; Matthew 28:18-20
- B. Note of blessing
  1. **Same** blessings as Thomas from our **faith**

E. g. of blessings from faith in John:

    - 1:12: become children of God
    - 3:16: Eternal Life; 5:24: delivered from Judgment
    - 4:13-14; 6:35; 7:37-39: never hunger or thirst
    - 11:40: see the Glory of God!
    - 14:12: see His power in your life thru prayer
  2. Also a couple of ways we are **more** blessed:
    - Much clearer understanding of the Gospel
    - Blessings of Christian influence on our culture

Thomas acted on his faith; took gospel possibly as far as India and was martyred

John wrote these things so *you* would believe in Him and have eternal Life. Do you?  
Four week Gospel challenge

1. We all have doubts.  
But do you **want** to believe? Or **not** want to believe?
2. How are you **acting** on your faith in the resurrected Christ?