

## DOUBTERS WELCOMED

JOHN 20:19-31

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### INTRODUCTION

**“Doubt is not so much a dividing line that separates people into different camps as it is a razor’s edge that runs through every soul.”**

**- Michael Novak**

#### 1. THOMAS DOUBTED \_\_\_\_\_ AND WITHOUT \_\_\_\_\_.

John 20:25 *“So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”*

Mark 9:22-24 *“And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”*

#### 2. THOMAS WANTED TO SEE JESUS IN HIS \_\_\_\_\_.

John 20:25-27 *“So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”*

#### 3. THOMAS TOOK HIS FAITH \_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:5 *“Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”*

John 11:16 *“So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”*

John 20:26-28 *“Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”*

John 20:29-31 *“Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”*

### FAITH IS NOT BLIND. BELIEVING IS SEEING.

Hebrews 11:1 *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

1 Peter 1:8-9 *“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”*

**“Faith is a free surrender and a joyous wager on the unseen, unknown, untested goodness of God.”**

**- Martin Luther**