

TODAY'S **SCRIPTURE JOHN 20:25 JOHN 20:19 LUKE 7:19 JOHN 7:5 MATTHEW 28:16-17** JOHN 20:30-31 JOHN 20: 26-29 **JOHN 7:17**

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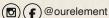


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FAMILY & COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

In our world today, people have a lot of questions about God. When we do not face our doubts or fears about our beliefs, we lack a truly genuine faith (trust). When we work through honest (not self-serving) doubts, that effort can begin to grow our trust in God. Too many people think that in order to believe in Jesus, they have to turn their minds off...we see in the example of Thomas that is just not true!

Today we deal with the real doubts of one of Jesus' own disciples, the man eternally dubbed as "Doubting Thomas." Thomas is a story not about how we can get rid of all our doubts, but what to do with our doubts. By seeing Jesus for who He is, and not who we try to make Him out to be, we can experience deeper trust in who He is.

What is the Gospel? What is the Resurrection? How does an empty tomb bring hope? What doubts do you have about the Gospel/Resurrection?

How have you seen honest doubt lead yourself or someone else to a deeper faith?

How do you relate to Thomas?

Have you felt let down by Jesus? If so, what are you going to do/did you do with that disappointment?

How do you think Thomas was able to go from doubting to dying for his faith in Jesus?

Is the Biblical testimony and evidence we have sufficient or insufficient for you to trust/have faith?

If you don't believe in Jesus, what do you think is the real reason? In what areas of your life do you have a head problem, rather than a heart problem?

How does God's steadfast loyalty and love change everything? How can we pray for each other's doubts and for a deeper trust/faith?

