

## KNOW DOUBT

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Experiencing The Passion of Jesus, part 10

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**BIG IDEA: Jesus comes to us in our questions and doubts, holds out his hands to us and calls us to trust him.**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

**Thomas I, is left-brained.**

**Thomas II, struggles with doubts sometimes.**

**1. Jesus is not threatened by your DOUBTS or REASONING.**

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

**2. Proof does not create faith, but an ENCOUNTER with the personal, risen Jesus will!**

“In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” **John 1:1, 14**

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

**3. The risen Jesus is still revealing himself so we may BELIEVE Him.**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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.

**John’s 7+ signs:** <sup>1</sup>Turning water into wine (ch. 2); <sup>2</sup>Healing the official’s son (4); <sup>3</sup>Healing the paralytic at the pool (5); <sup>4</sup>Feeding 5K (6); <sup>5</sup>Walking on water (6); <sup>6</sup>Healing a man blind from birth (9); <sup>7</sup>Raising Lazarus from the dead (11), & <sup>8</sup>Rising from the dead himself!

“In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God... In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.” **John 1:1, 4**

**4. John has written all this so that you will TRUST JESUS.**  
*Do you?*