

## ***“Doubting Thomas”***

**INTRODUCTION:** Much happened in the 40 days between the Resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus.

- Thomas is known for his “*doubting*” but not for his “*faith*”.

**John 11:8,16** – We see Thomas’ LOYALTY to Jesus.

**John 14:3-5** – Again, we see Thomas’ FAITH and LOYALTY.

**John 20:19,24** – Jesus appears before the 10 Disciples, without Thomas being present.

- Many had their doubts about Jesus’ resurrection – Luke 24:9-12

**20:19b-20** – Jesus offers the troubled Disciples “*peace*”.

**20:21** – Jesus has a MINISTRY for them, to tell the “*Good News*”.

**20:22** – They are now indwelt by the Holy Spirit ... Born Again.

**20:23** – Their message will bring others to salvation in Christ –

Romans 10:14-15 ... this is OUR MESSAGE!

**20:24** – Thomas missed out ... everybody’s EXCITED!

**20:25** – This is what Thomas is usually remembered for.

- Thomas wanted a personal experience with the resurrected Jesus, like the other Disciples had ... Thomas wasn’t CONTENT!

- Thomas didn’t want to be “*left out*”.

- Maybe he remembered what Jesus had said – Matthew 24:23-26

**20:26** – They were supposed to be witnessing – **20:21**

- Jesus offers Thomas the same “*peace*” He’d given the other 10.

- Jesus will reveal Himself to the earnest seeker – Jeremiah 29:13

**20:27** – It never says that Thomas ever did this to believe.

**20:28** – A very profound statement! Total commitment!

**20:29** – Here, Jesus has a message about YOU!

- Though we haven’t “*seen*” Him, the Holy Spirit opens our blinded eyes to the truth of the risen Lord.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- Mark 9:24 – “*Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.*”

- Like Thomas, we need to have a hunger for all that Jesus has for us.