

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Doubting Thomas?

John 20:24-31

# THE PERSON

*"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Dydimus . . ."*

- *"Thomas"* - Thomas was much more than just a doubter. Like you and I, he was a a complex person with many needs.
- *"Dydimus"* - twin
- *"one of the twelve"* – Jesus chose him to be one of his closest friends and followers.

# THE PROBLEM

*" . . . was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were saying to him, 'We have seen the Lord! But he said to them, 'Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.'"*

- The importance of "showing up"
- Honest doubts are more acceptable than a dishonest faith

# THE PRESENCE

*"After eight days the disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you. Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach here with your finger and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side and do not be unbelieving but believing.'"*

- Jesus made a special trip just for Thomas
- Jesus confronted Thomas
- Jesus called for a commitment

# THE PROFESSION

*“Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and My God!”*

- *“Lord” (kurios)* – used as a substitute for Yahweh by Greek scholars
- *“God” (Elohim)* – name for God in the O. T.
- *“ . . . My . . . My . . . ”* – personal acceptance

# THE PURPOSE

*"Jesus said to him, ' Because you have seen Me you believe? Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed.'" Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name."*

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