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## **DOUBTERS ARE WELCOMED** **John 20:19-31**

### **Who is the doubter? (Thomas) John 20:24-25**

- He was a man of **courage**. John 11:16
- He was a man of **commitment**. John 14:1-6
- He was a man like so many of the **disciples**. John 20:24; Mark 16:11

### **What did he doubt? John 20:24-27**

- He doubted the **promises** of God. John 20:25; Matt. 16:21, 17, 9, 12, 22-23; 20:19; Heb. 13:5; John 1:12; 3:16; Rom. 8:31-39
- He was doubting who **Jesus** Christ was. John 20:25, 27; Matt. 16:13-16; 8:5-13; 4:3; 8:29; Mark 3:11; 14:61; Matt. 14:33; Luke 19:38

### **What Jesus did in response to the doubts. John 20:26-31**

- Evidence to the **truth** of who He was. John 20:26-27; 20:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Matt. 28:1-10; Luke 16:1-8; Acts 1:1-8; 1 Cor. 15:1-8
- Encouraged and challenged him to **believe**. John 20:27-29; 6:1-14; 11:1-45; 2:7-12; Luke 7:1-17

### **What are the responses of the doubters? John 20:28**

- Believe and say **yes** to Jesus Christ.
- Some doubters will continue in a **search** for more information.
- Some doubters will just say **no**.

### LOOKING AT THE EVIDENCE

The Roman Guard  
The Stone  
The Grave clothes  
The Empty Tomb  
The Resurrection Appearances  
The Initial Unbelief  
The Radically Changed Disciples

### EXPLAINING AWAY THE RESURRECTION

The Swoon Theory  
The Mistaken Tomb Theory  
The Stolen Body Theory  
The Hallucination Theory

### EVIDENCE

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is perhaps the best-attested fact of ancient history.  
The Resurrection is a non-negotiable doctrine of the Christian faith.  
This is the message the world needs to hear.  
The Resurrection of Jesus gives us hope in the face of death.  
No one can force you to believe in Jesus.

### KEEP BELIEVING MINISTRIES

MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS: HOW WE KNOW CHRIST LIVES TODAY