

"Because Science Has Disproved Christianity!"

John 20:24-29 (HCSB)

But one of the Twelve, Thomas (called "Twin"), was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "If I don't see the mark of the nails in His hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will never believe!" ²⁶ After eight days His disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and observe My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Don't be an unbeliever, but a believer." ²⁸ Thomas responded to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Those who believe without seeing are blessed."

I. Understanding your doubts:

- Doubt occurs when you have faith in something else.
- Doubt is nothing <u>new</u>.
- Doubt can be a tool of spiritual growth.
- Doubt is not the opposite of faith.
- God can <u>handle</u> your doubts.
- · Learn to doubt your doubts in the face of compelling evidence.

John 20:30-31 (HCSB)

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name.

II. Practice doubting your doubts:

- I. Materialism doesn't seem to satisfy. (Psalm 63:1-3)
- 2. The problem of human rights in an accidental universe.
 - Sociology reveals a <u>universal</u> standard of behavior in all people, regardless of their culture, religion or period in history.
 - Since a universal moral code exists, where did it originate?
 - The skeptics final arrow only points them to <u>God</u>. (Proverbs 24:24-25; Psalm 37:27-29; Micah 6:8)
- 3. The power of love and beauty. (Song of Solomon 1:2; 2:5; 2:12)
- 4. The persistence of Christianity. (Matthew 16:18; 24:35)
- 5. The question of the origin of the universe.
- No scientist believes evolution explains the origin of the universe.
- The attributes of God found in the scriptures clearly distinguish <u>God</u> as the noncontingent creator. (Exodus 3:14; Psalm 90:1-2; John 5:26)

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