

# From Doubt to Devotion

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## John 20:21-29

21 Again Jesus said, *"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."* 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, *"Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 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 it."* 26 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!"* 27 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."* 28 Thomas said to him, *"My Lord and my God!"* 29 Then Jesus told him, *"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

## 1. WE ALL HAVE DOUBT SOMETIMES

### John 20:24-25

24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 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 it."*

## 2. AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE RISEN JESUS TRANSFORMS OUR DOUBT TO BELIEF

### John 20:26-28

26 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!"* 27 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."* 28 Thomas said to him, *"My Lord and my God!"*

## 3. BELIEF LEADS TO DEVOTION

### John 20:29

*"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*