

# “The Dangers of Doubting Who Jesus Is”

Mission Bible Study

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## John 20:24-29

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<sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

<sup>26</sup> And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, **Peace be unto you.**

<sup>27</sup> Then saith he to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.**

<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.

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**29** Jesus saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.**

# DANGER # 1: Will Cause You to Doubt Jesus' Presence In and With You

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- ❖ Thomas wanted to physically see Jesus before he believed. His doubt made him not believe what Jesus told the disciples that He will arise on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.
- ❖ Although Jesus is not with us in the physical, He's with us spiritually through the Holy Spirit and we are also able to speak with Him through prayer; and know what He is telling us when we read our Bible.

## Danger # 2: Doubting Christ's Deity Will Cause You to Miss Salvation

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- ❖ Thomas didn't doubt who Jesus is for he was loyal to Christ, but it took Jesus' physical presence to believe that He resurrected.
- ❖ Doubting God's Word and His instruction for salvation – only through Jesus Christ – will cause you miss eternal life with Jesus

## Danger #3: We Cannot Just Do Good Works and Not Believe Who Jesus Is

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- ❖ Jesus' resurrection was both literal and physical. When He appeared after His resurrection, He appeared to the disciples in a physical form and not as an apparatus (ghost)
- ❖ We do not need to see Jesus physically for us to believe who He is. We have proof who He is by reading God's Word and testimonies of all believers.
- ❖ Small distractions can turn into large distractions