



GROWTH GUIDE

I Doubt It

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | John 20:24–29

ICE BREAKER:

What was the most impactful part of the Good Friday and/or Easter services this year?

UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT:

Read John 20 for the context. How is Thomas similar to the other disciples? And different? How does Jesus interact with Thomas?

CONNECTING TO JESUS AND HIS GOSPEL:

How does Christ prove Himself as both Savior and Lord? What Scriptures support that?

What does it mean for Christ to be My Lord and My God?

LIVING OUT THE TRUTH:

In the Easter message, we explored the evidence of Jesus's Resurrection. What evidence of the Resurrection stands out to you the most and why?

Like Thomas, we often carry silent contracts with God: 'I'll trust You, but only if You come through in the way I imagined.' Whether it's healing, a relationship, success, or peace—we tie our faith to outcomes. What is a current expectation that, if not met, might make you doubt Christ? How can we surrender that expectation?

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Have you placed your faith in Christ? If yes, where do you doubt who Jesus is, and how can you challenge those doubts in your life?

PARENTING:

Read John 20:24-29 with your kids. Talk about why it is hard to believe in something without seeing. Discuss some evidence of God without seeing Him. (Examples: history, creation, personal testimony, His Word)

FURTHER STUDY:

Read 'The Minimal Facts of the Resurrection' article online by Aaron Brake. <https://crossexamined.org/the-minimal-facts-of-the-resurrection/>
Or read 'Mere Christianity' by C. S. Lewis.