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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

**Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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." 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!" 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**  
*John 20:24-31*

## **Oh, the People You'll Meet – Doubters**

Even though he followed Jesus, learned from him, and observed him perform miracles for three years—Thomas doubted Jesus' resurrection. If Thomas, "one of the Twelve," was overcome by doubt, how easy it is for us and others to be overcome by doubt today!

When you meet people that have doubts, know that their moments of doubt can be solved. When doubts enter your own heart, know that God can handle your doubts.

Thomas had doubts, but notice where he found answers. Thomas did not hop a boat to Greece to discuss with all the philosophers whether there could be resurrection of the dead. Thomas did not go to his fellow disciple Luke, a physician, to ask him whether or not he had seen a corpse comeback to life. Thomas placed himself among Christian friends, and the risen Lord Jesus appeared to him. He was in the right place for his doubts to be driven away.

So it is for the doubters you meet today and for you when doubts creep in. How can they grow close to Jesus today when he is in heaven? How can you? Take the doubters around you and the doubter in you to the Bible. There they will meet Jesus. That's why it was written. It was given to us so that we wouldn't doubt, but would instead believe in Jesus and what he says.

When doubts creep into the lives of those you know, when they creep into your life, put yourself in the right place to have those doubts dealt with. Go find Jesus in his Word. It is there that he appears to doubters. It is there that he speaks to doubters. All of his promises, including the promises of peace and forgiveness, have the power to chase doubt out of hearts and replace it with faith. Then the doubters that we meet, and the doubter we see in the mirror can say with faith, "My Lord and my God."

**Prayer: O risen Lord, when doubts come to us, draw near to us in your Word and sacrament. Drive doubt from our hearts and fill us with faith. Fulfill your promise to bless us who have not seen you and yet believe. Amen.**