

# Sermon Discussion (4/19/2026)

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## It Could Be You #8

The resurrected Jesus must convince the disbelieving disciples that He has risen from the dead. He must move them from doubt to belief. This scripture focuses on Thomas. He believes that dead people stay dead. He believes that the Messiah is supposed to deliver Israel from the Romans. He is blinded to the resurrection because of what he already believes. What is familiar to him is what is authoritative.

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Title: From Doubt to Belief

The Main Question: How do we move from doubt to belief?

### Points to Consider

1. Confess your doubts.
2. Be in the right place.
3. Look at the evidence.
4. Decide to believe.

### Scripture References:

#### **John 11:16** NIV

<sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

## John 20:24–28 NIV

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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.” <sup>26</sup> 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!” <sup>27</sup> 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.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

## Application Questions

- What are your doubts?
- What caused you to believe?
- Read [John 20:24-28](#).
  - If you had been Thomas what would have been your response?
  - Why would you have responded that way?
- Read [John 11:16](#).
  - Thomas is willing to die with Jesus. What does this tell you about his relationship to Jesus?
  - Was his disbelief “bad” or “wrong”?
  - Is an honest confession something that makes God angry?
- Thomas was in the right place so he could believe in Jesus. Are you in the right place?
- What are the wrong places in your life?
- Thomas put his faith in the evidence that Jesus gave him. What evidence do you put your faith in?