

²⁴NOW THOMAS, ONE OF THE TWELVE, CALLED THE TWIN, WAS NOT WITH THEM WHEN JESUS CAME. ²⁵SO THE OTHER DISCIPLES TOLD HIM, “WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD.” BUT HE SAID TO THEM, “UNLESS I SEE IN HIS HANDS THE MARK OF THE NAILS, AND PLACE MY FINGER INTO THE MARK OF THE NAILS, AND PLACE MY HAND INTO HIS SIDE, I WILL NEVER BELIEVE.”

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²⁶EIGHT DAYS LATER, HIS DISCIPLES WERE INSIDE AGAIN, AND THOMAS WAS WITH THEM. ALTHOUGH THE DOORS WERE LOCKED, JESUS CAME AND STOOD AMONG THEM AND SAID, “PEACE BE WITH YOU.” ²⁷THEN HE SAID TO THOMAS, “PUT YOUR FINGER HERE, AND SEE MY HANDS; AND PUT OUT YOUR HAND, AND PLACE IT IN MY SIDE. DO NOT DISBELIEVE, BUT BELIEVE.”

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²⁸THOMAS ANSWERED HIM, “MY LORD AND MY GOD!”
²⁹JESUS SAID TO HIM, “HAVE YOU BELIEVED BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME? BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET HAVE BELIEVED.”
³⁰NOW JESUS DID MANY OTHER SIGNS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DISCIPLES, WHICH ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK;

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³¹BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.

—JOHN 20:24-31

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I. APPEARANCE | JOHN 20:18, 20, 29

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2. APPREHENSION | JOHN 20:19, 25

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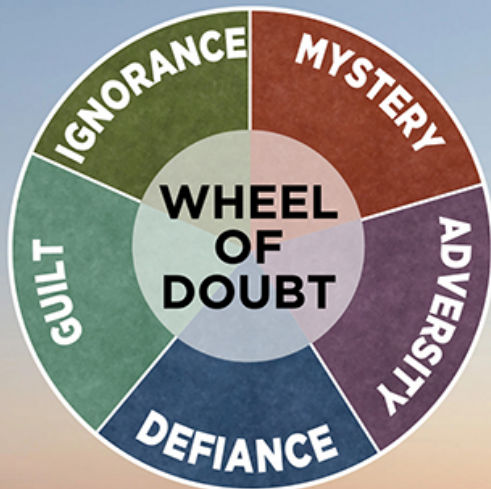
¹⁹ON THE EVENING OF THAT DAY,
THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,
THE DOORS BEING LOCKED WHERE THE
DISCIPLES WERE FOR FEAR OF THE JEWS,
JESUS CAME AND STOOD AMONG THEM AND
SAID TO THEM, "PEACE BE WITH YOU."
²⁰WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE SHOWED THEM
HIS HANDS AND HIS SIDE. THEN THE DISCIPLES
WERE GLAD WHEN THEY SAW THE LORD.
—JOHN 20:19-20

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"THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH IS NOT DOUBT,
IT IS UNBELIEF."

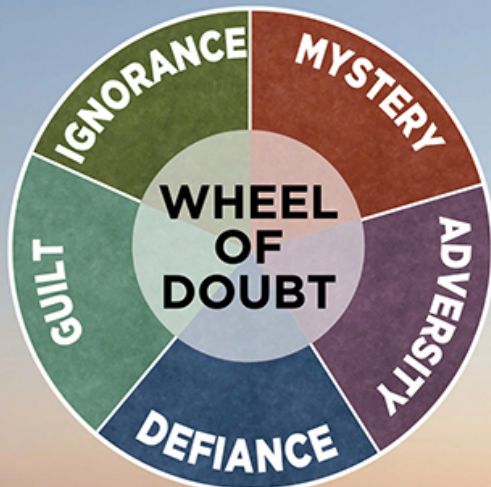
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“THOMAS WAS NOT AN UNBELIEVING SKEPTIC, HE WAS A WOUNDED BELIEVER... IT HELPS ME TO THINK OF DOUBT AS A KIND OF IMMUNIZATION. WHEN YOU RECEIVE A VACCINE, YOU ACTUALLY GET A TINY BIT OF EXPOSURE TO A DISEASE (EVEN LIFE THREATENING), BUT THIS ACTIVATES ANTIBODIES SO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO FIGHT THE DISEASE AND REMAIN HEALTHY. IN THE SAME WAY, DOUBTS CAN ACTUALLY END UP DEVELOPING A MUCH STRONGER FAITH IF WE FACE OUR DOUBTS HONESTLY.” —RAY PRITCHARD

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WE LIVE IN A CULTURE THAT HAS, FOR CENTURIES NOW, CULTIVATED THE IDEA THAT THE SKEPTICAL PERSON IS ALWAYS SMARTER THAN THE ONE WHO BELIEVES. YOU CAN ALMOST BE AS STUPID AS A CABBAGE AS LONG AS YOU DOUBT.” —DALLAS WILLARD


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3. AFFIRMATION | JOHN 20:27-29

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“UNDERSTAND YOUR DOUBTS DON’T INTIMIDATE GOD. THE ALL-POWERFUL RISEN CHRIST CAN HANDLE ANYTHING OUR INQUIRING AND DOUBTING MINDS CAN CONJURE UP. THAT IN ITSELF IS LIBERATING. HAVE YOU EVER HAD TROUBLING QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD? HAVE YOU FELT THAT SUCH DOUBTS JUST WEREN’T WELCOMED BY OTHER CHRISTIANS?...



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THEN TAKE HEART FROM THIS STORY OF THOMAS. I’LL BET THAT THOSE OTHER DISCIPLES GAVE THOMAS A FEW STRANGE LOOKS AS WELL. BUT JESUS DID NOT. HE KNEW WHAT THOMAS WAS AFTER, AND HE WAS THERE TO HELP HIM GET BACK TO THE PLACE OF STRONG FAITH.”

—SKIP HEITZIG



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“THE RESURRECTION IS NOT MERELY IMPORTANT TO THE HISTORIC CHRISTIAN FAITH; WITHOUT IT, THERE WOULD BE NO CHRISTIANITY. IT IS THE SINGULAR DOCTRINE THAT ELEVATES CHRISTIANITY ABOVE ALL OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS.”

—ADRIAN ROGERS



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- ACCURACY OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS



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“OUR FAITH IS BUILT ON A FIRM FACTUAL
HISTORICAL FOUNDATION.
THERE’S NOT SOME DOCUMENT THAT’S GOING
TO SURFACE, ALL OF A SUDDEN,
THAT’S GOING TO NEGATE 2,000 YEARS
OF THE CHURCH.
I WENT INTO THIS AS AN ATHEIST.
I WENT IN AS A SKEPTIC.
I WENT IN AS SOMEONE WHO WAS MOTIVATED
FOR THIS NOT TO BE TRUE.



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WHAT DID I FIND?
I FOUND THAT I COULD TRUST THE
NEW TESTAMENT OF THE BIBLE
WHEN IT TELLS ME ABOUT THE LIFE,
TEACHINGS, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION
OF JESUS CHRIST. I FOUND EVIDENCE
THAT CONVINCED ME, AS A SKEPTIC,
THAT CHRISTIANITY IS TRUE.”

—LEE STROBEL



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- ACCURACY OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
- REALITY OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY



f.020.tiff

- ACCURACY OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
- REALITY OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY
- TESTIMONY OF EYE WITNESSES

f.021.tiff

³FOR I DELIVERED TO YOU AS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE WHAT I ALSO RECEIVED: THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES, ⁴THAT HE WAS BURIED, THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES, ⁵AND THAT HE APPEARED TO CEPHAS, THEN TO THE TWELVE. — **I COR. 15:3-5**

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- ACCURACY OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
- REALITY OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY
- TESTIMONY OF EYE WITNESSES
- ACTIVITY OF THE DISCIPLES

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“WHOEVER READS THE NEW TESTAMENT SERIOUSLY, OR GIVES THOUGHT TO THE IMPACT WHICH THE APOSTLES MADE UPON THEIR GENERATION, MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ONE OUTSTANDING HISTORIC EVENT ALONE SPURRED THAT SMALL BAND OF 11 ORDINARY MEN TO AN AMAZING TASK OF EVANGELIZATION IN THEIR GENERATION.

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DEFYING EVERY OBSTACLE,
LOSS OF HOME, PERSECUTION,
EVEN DEATH ITSELF,
THEY EVIDENCED THE SUPREME RELEVANCE
IN THEIR MINISTRY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.”
—ERLING C. OLSEN

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4. APPEAL | JOHN 20:31

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“THE TRUTH OF THE RESURRECTION GIVES LIFE
TO EVERY OTHER AREA OF GOSPEL TRUTH.
THE RESURRECTION IS THE PIVOT ON WHICH
ALL OF CHRISTIANITY TURNS AND WITHOUT
WHICH NONE OF THE OTHER TRUTHS WOULD
MUCH MATTER. WITHOUT THE RESURRECTION,
CHRISTIANITY WOULD BE SO MUCH
WISHFUL THINKING, TAKING ITS PLACE
ALONGSIDE ALL OTHER HUMAN PHILOSOPHY
AND RELIGIOUS SPECULATION.”
—JOHN MACARTHUR

f.027.tiff

“LIFE IS A CRUEL, HORRIBLE JOKE AND
I AM THE PUNCH LINE.” —CARRIE FISHER

f.028.tiff

“OUT, OUT BRIEF CANDLE!
LIFE’S BUT A WALKING
SHADOW, A POOR PLAYER
THAT STRUTS AND FRETS
HIS HOUR UPON THE STAGE,
AND THEN IS HEARD
NO MORE. IT IS A TALE
TOLD BY AN IDIOT,
FULL OF SOUND AND FURY,
SIGNIFYING NOTHING.”

—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

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WRITTEN SO THAT
YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT
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THE SON OF GOD,
AND THAT BY BELIEVING
YOU MAY HAVE LIFE
IN HIS NAME.

—JOHN 20:31

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