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The 12 That Changed the World #5 Thomas - Don't Let Doubt Define You

Matt. 28:16-17

**PRINCIPLE: Never Allow a Season of Doubt
LIMIT Your Future Walk with Jesus.**

6 Components of Thomas' Faith:

1. Willing to SACRIFICE.

John 11:6-8, 11-16; Mark 8:34-35

2. Prepared to FOLLOW.

John 14:1-6

3. Fully HONEST.

John 20:24; Matt. 11:28

4. Supported with EVIDENCE.

John 20:25; Mark 16:10; John 20:25-27; John 20:28-29

5. Theologically MATURE.

John 20:28

6. Spread to OTHERS.

Heb. 4:15; Heb. 4:16

Matt. 28:16-17 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

John 11:6-8, 11-16 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, 7 and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." 8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" ... 11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." 12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. 14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Mark 8:34-35 If anyone would come after me; he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whomever wants to save his life will lose it, but whomever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

John 14:1-6 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 20:24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came...

Matt. 11:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

John 20:25 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."

Mark 16:10 She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. 11 When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it

John 20:25-27 ...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." 26 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!" 27 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." **John 20:28-29** Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Heb. 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. **Heb. 4:16** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.