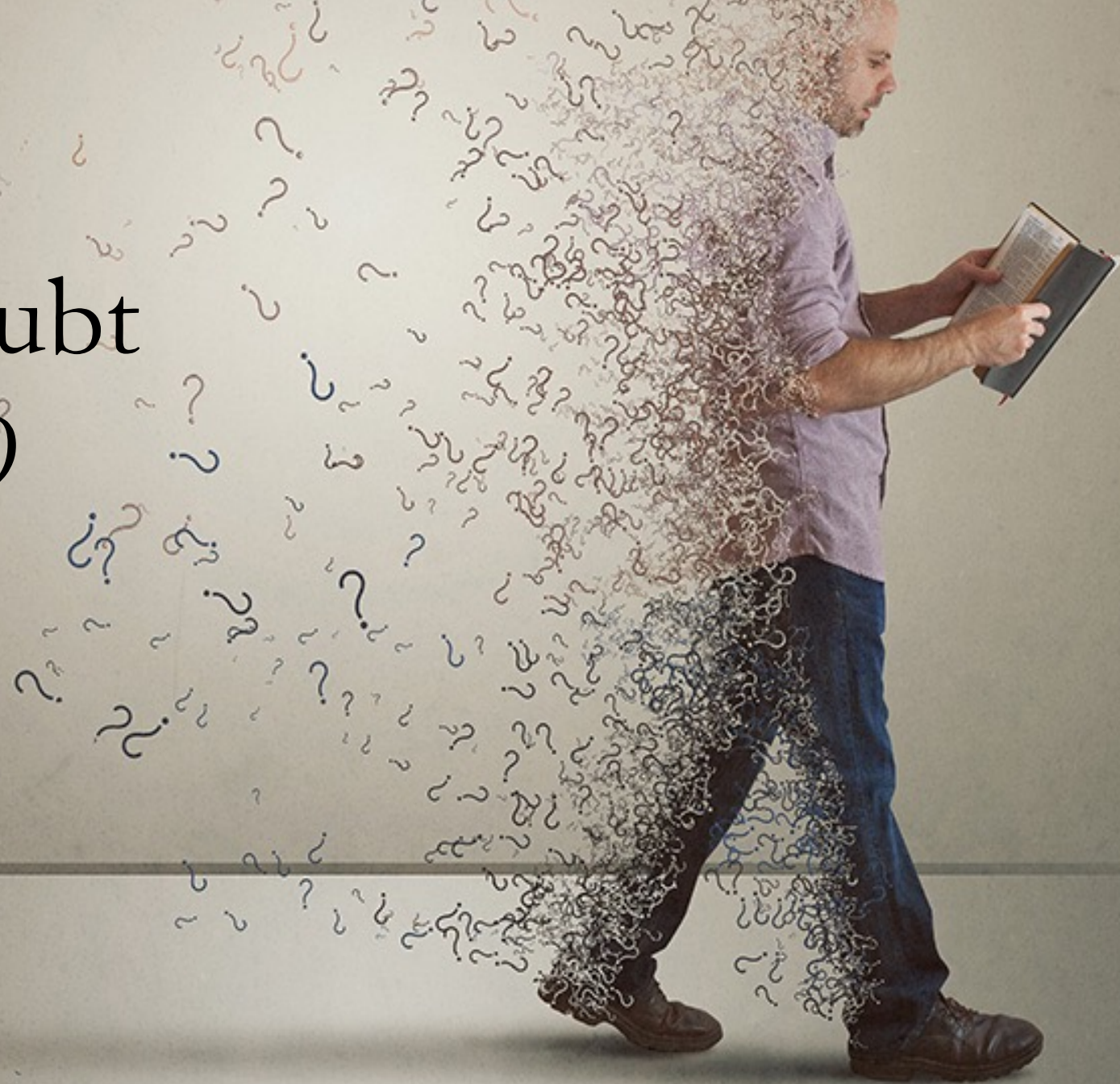


No More Doubt

John 20:24-29



Thomas and Jesus – Removing All Doubt

John 20:24-29 - ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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.”

²⁶ Eight 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.” ²⁷ Then 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.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Thomas Was a Man of Courage

- **John 11:7-8** - ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?”
- **John 11:14-16** - ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

Let Go of Doubt

- **Proverbs 19:21**

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

- **Psalms 37:5**

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Devices of Satan to Create Doubt

- **2 Corinthians 2:11**

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. (KJV)

Using Your Past to Create Doubt About Your Future

- The Apostle Paul
- **Acts 22:4-5**

4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, 5 as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

Using Your Past to Create Doubt About Your Future

- The Apostle Paul
- **1 Corinthians 15:9**

9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Using Your Past to Create Doubt About Your Future

- It is God who justifies and not the world or the devil.
- **Romans 8:33**

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Financial Pressure – God’s Ability to Provide

- The Devil will attempt to convince you that your financial problems are beyond the reach of God.

- **2 Corinthians 9:8**

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (NIV)

Popular Culture – Creating Doubt of the Word of God

- The Popular Culture runs counter to the Word of God.
- **Colossians 2:8**

8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

Doubt Creates Apathy and Isolation

- Doubt makes you feel that God and Jesus are far away.
- You begin to forsake the assembly and worship.
- It robs you of your hope and joy in Jesus.
- Robs you of your self-esteem.
- **1 Peter 5:8**

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Changing Our Lives For Christ

- **Ephesians 4:22-24**

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

- **Philippians 1:6**

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

We Are More Than Conquerors

- **Romans 8:37**

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us

- **John 16:33**

“But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

- **2 Timothy 1:7**

7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Confidence God Will Provide Us Strength

- We have confidence that we can approach God and he will provide us with the strength necessary to overcome doubt in our lives.

- **Hebrews 4:16**

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Nothing Can Separate Us From the Love of Jesus

- **Romans 8:38-39**

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Faith – The Cure For Doubt

3 Step Process to Overcoming Doubt

1. Know the Word of God

- **Romans 10:17** -17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

2. Step Into Service

- **1 Peter 4:10** - 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

3. Dissolve the Doubts

- **1 Peter 5:9** - 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.