

Series: Easter

Sermon: John 20:19-31, The Shadow of Doubt

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Daily Readings

Monday: John 20-21

Tuesday: Jude

Wednesday: 1 Peter 1:1-2:3

Thursday: 1 Peter 2:4-3:22

Friday: 1 Peter 4

Saturday: 1 Peter 5

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message.
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas about doubt? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Read John 20-19-31 together. What stands out to you? Share your observations with the group.
4. Can you recall a time where you have expressed strong doubt like Thomas did? If so, how did the Lord show mercy to you?
5. Read together John 20:29 and 1 Peter 1:8-9. We are those who "have not seen and yet have believed." If you have never done this, take time to share with the group how you came to believe in the resurrected Jesus.
6. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step

1. Commit **John 20:28-29** to memory this week.
2. Take some time this week in a journal or in a quiet room to pray. There, take time to do 3 things. First, read Jude. Second, recall a season where you struggled with doubt toward the Lord, and remember how he sustained you and helped you and filled you with faith. *Give him thanks.* Second, express to the Lord any doubts that may be affecting your life. *Ask for his help.* If you presently are not experiencing doubt, but know someone who is, take time to pray for them.