

Overcoming Common Doubt John 20:24-29

The world is full of doubters when it comes to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as the savior. Thomas is labeled “doubting Thomas” because he was unwilling to accept the testimony of the other disciples, that Jesus rose from the dead.

If you think back to the time when you first believed you may be able remember all of the people who were involved in your decision of faith.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Our Lord has designed the Church to be involved in the lives of all lost people to the extent that the Church must go outside of its buildings, outside of its comfort zones and outside of its own ability to present the Gospel and an invitation to unbelievers to believe.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Acts 26:26-28 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

1. Believers must be responsible for clearing up doubt. Vs. 24- 25a
 - A. Thomas missed the first visitation by the risen Savior.
 - B. These disciples realized Thomas was without the evidence.
 - C. We “have” seen the Lord.

2. The lost person is responsible for overcoming doubt. Vs. 25b
 - A. Thomas refused to believe without first-hand knowledge.
 - B. Thomas deserved to see evidence. (Today we present the Biblical evidence)
 - C. In the end the lost person is required to believe.

3. Jesus always takes the responsibility for eliminating doubt. Vs. 26-27
 - A. Jesus showed up.
 - B. Jesus knowing Thomas’ heart showed His hands and side.
 - C. And again He invited Thomas to believe.