

**Jesus Asked:
WHY DO YOU DOUBT?
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**In a storm – Why are you so afraid?
Need a miracle – Do you believe I can do this?
Ongoing Challenge – Do you want to get well?
With Spiritual Doubts – Why do you doubt?**

**Doubt is the beginning of
real, sincere, and grounded faith.**

**Even the biggest doubters can one day
have the strongest faith.**

Jesus had just risen from the dead...

Luke 24:1-4 (NIV) *“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.”*

Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV) *“The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.”*

Luke 24:32-34 (NIV) *“They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’ ³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, ‘It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’”*

Luke 24:36-37 (NIV) *“While they were still talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.”*

Luke 24:38 (NIV) *“He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?’”*

Luke 24:39 (NIV) *“Look at My hands and My feet. It is I myself! Touch Me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”*

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

Thomas, AKA Didymus – “T Diddy”

John 20:25 (NIV) *“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.’”*

Do you have a first-hand experience with God?

**Typically, your faith grows because you
press through sincere doubts.**

John 20:26 (NIV) *“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!’”*

John 20:27 (NIV) *“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.’”*

Jesus gave Thomas exactly what he needed to believe.

John 20:28 (NIV) *“Thomas said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”*

James 2:19 (NIV) *“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.”*

John 20:29 (NIV) *“Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”*