

## **"QUESTIONS JESUS ASKS: HAVE YOU BELIEVED BECAUSE YOU HAVE SEEN ME?"**

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### **JESUS ASKS QUESTIONS TO LEAD US INTO DEEPER TRUST IN HIM.**

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." (John 20:25)

#### **1. YOU CANNOT BELIEVE WITH YOUR OWN REASON OR STRENGTH.**

And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." (John 6:65)

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. (1Corinthians 12:3)

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you." (Acts 7:51)

#### **2. JESUS APPEARS EVEN WHEN THERE IS JUST ONE IN THE GROUP.**

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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:26-28)

#### **3. GOD'S WORD IS ENOUGH, BELIEVE!**

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.(John 20:30-31)

#### **4. YOU ARE EVEN MORE BLESSED THAN THOMAS.**

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29)

he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:5-7)

#### **5. YOU HAVE SEEN, SO GO AND BE HIS WITNESS.**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

**ISN'T THERE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO BELIEVE THAN TO DOUBT?**

**BOTTOM LINE: BELIEVE AND SEE**

### **GOING DEEPER**

1. Have you seen Jesus and where?
2. What doubts do you still have?
3. Attend the Large Life Group on July 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm.