

## "FROM SKEPTICISM TO BELIEF"

Series: "EXTREME MAKEOVER: LIFE EDITION", Part 4 of 4 Sunday, April 20, 2025, at 8:30, 10:00, & Damp; 11:30 AM Easter Sunday

Text: John 20:19-29

Big Idea: When we consider the evidence for the risen Christ and it moves us to awe, we will become worshippers of the One who has conquered death, hell and the grave.

John 20:19-21, On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

John 20:24-25, Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 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 it."

Jude 22, "And have mercy on some, who are doubting." {NASV}

## 1. He honestly explored the evidence.

Acts 19:9a, But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe ...."

John 20:26a, "A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them."

John 20:26b, Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:27, 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."

Rom 10:17, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."

## 2. He humbly placed his trust in Christ.

John 20:28, Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:29b, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."