

April 11, 2021  
**“Not Gullible; But Skeptical”**  
**(John 20:19-31)**

Some of us are a little more gullible than others. A little too trusting.

It's a sign of your intelligence that you are easily taken advantage of.

Our Scripture lesson for today is about the world's most famous doubter.

Some things to notice out of this lesson....

**1.- Many of us have had times in our lives when we could Identify with Thomas.**

We too have doubted. We too have rebelled.

Doubt is one of the most important tools that God uses to produce mighty men and women of faith.

I wonder if God has not deliberately placed many obstacles to faith in our world.

It seems that God intends for us to struggle with the great questions of life.

Someone said: “*Never to have doubted is never to have taken the walk of faith seriously.*”

**2.- To experience the true Joy that God intends, there must come a time when we move Beyond our doubts to a faith that is Stronger than our doubts.**

Spiritual maturity comes when we are ready to move beyond our doubts, beyond our rebellion!

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There is something within our very nature that senses an incompleteness.

There is within us a hunger that only a relationship with the Divine can satisfy!

**3.- Christian faith can only be analyzed from the Inside.**

If you remain on the outside looking in, you will never find abundant life!

The only way to prove love is to have experienced what it is to love and to be loved!

So it is with faith!

Two ways to prove the existence of God:

- 1- By the testimony of others.
- 2- Is to experience Him for yourself!

Doubt is an obstacle that, when overcome, can cause us to have a deeper, richer, more meaningful faith!

In the struggle for meaning the wise person learns to move beyond his doubts.

The way to prove faith is to surrender yourself to the Lordship of Christ, walk in his way and experience his love for yourself!

**Have you experienced His love?**