

RESURRECTION! *ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN JESUS TODAY*

Resurrection – in Doubt
John 20:19-29

Summary

Many have doubts about the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Thomas doubted.

The one question everyone owes it to themselves to address and answer is:
“What do I believe really happened on that first Easter Sunday?” “Is it in doubt?”

After the crucifixion, if Thomas was asked “Will Jesus rise again from the dead?”, he would have said, “Maybe”. After Jesus had appeared to the other disciples, if asked if He had risen from the dead, he might have said “Probably”. But after Thomas met Him the next week, if asked the same question he would have said, “Definitely!”.

Many people go through these phases of faith in their lives, based on experience. The celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday reminds us what we believe. And that can give us renewed confidence to share that belief when we invite others.

1 Corinthians 15:14,19 says, “If Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. If our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first of a harvest of all who have died”.

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. Are you a naturally trusting person who gives others the “benefit of the doubt”?

Start thinking and sharing

2. Why do you think Thomas refused to believe the account of the other disciples?

3. Have you ever refused to believe good news until you checked it yourself? Why?

4. Have there been times when you were a Maybe, Probably or Definitely Christian?

Start praying

5. Lord Jesus, be present with me to dispel my doubts, and to strengthen my faith.

Start doing

6. Think how you might “Share your Story” to encourage others to meet Christ.