

Easter is For Doubters

A. Reflection Questions

- Are you harboring any doubts in your faith? If so, are you...
- ...doubting and distant? (OR)
- ...doubting and desiring?

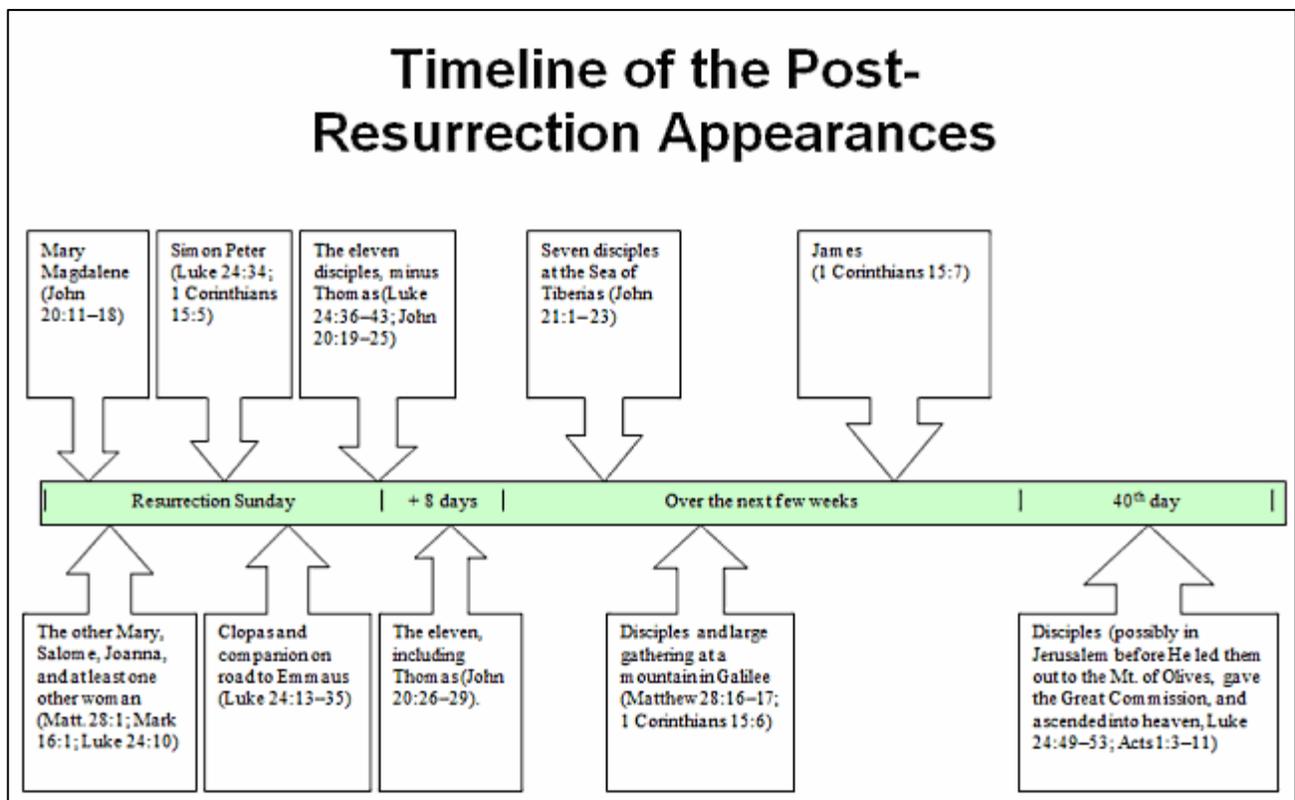
B. Lessons from “Doubting” Thomas & the Rest of the Disciples (John 20:24-31, John 11:16)

- **We’re all doubters.**
- **Jesus loves those who entrust their doubt to Him.**

C. Resources for Your Study of the Resurrection

(Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21, Acts 1, 1 Corinthians 15)

- This is a comprehensive resource which will help to put the resurrection appearances into order and perspective for you. <https://answersingenesis.org/jesus/resurrection/the-sequence-of-christs-post-resurrection-appearances/>



John 20:24-31 (NIV) - Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as 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."

²⁶ 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!" 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."

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

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

LIFE APPLICATION STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Think back to a time when you said something you knew to be true but no one believed you. How did you respond to their doubts?
2. What kind of disciple is Thomas? (see John 11:16, 14:5-6, 20:24-29)
3. What things have you believed without personally seeing the evidence? Why?
4. Read through the resource article cited on the first page. What questions do you still have about the resurrection?
5. What doubts or questions do you have about God or His Word? How will you move forward with God to seek His answers?
6. Why is belief so important in maturing our faith?
7. Who do you know who would appreciate having an honest conversation with you about their spiritual doubts? Take some time to talk with them and listen for how the Holy Spirit may want you to respond.

RESOURCES FOR SPIRITUAL SKEPTICS

- ❖ redeemer.com/skeptics_welcome
- ❖ gotquestions.org
- ❖ rzim.org
- ❖ thebibleproject.com
- ❖ reasons.org
- ❖ billygraham.org