



UNSETTLED

PART 2: THOMAS

INTRODUCTION

Are you ever confronted with circumstances that make you rethink or question parts of your faith? In all 4 of the conversations Jesus had with people after his resurrection he addressed some of the most common misconceptions we all face in our faith. Misconceptions are dangerous because we are making decisions for our lives (which will impact others) based on false-concepts, lies or deception. The Resurrection confronts humankind's greatest misconceptions about the Son of God. Join us as we look together at the 4 conversations Jesus has after his resurrection to clear away all misconceptions that get in the way of our faith.

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 11:16
John 20:24-29

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you know someone who has to have all of the facts before they respond to something? They may be loyal, but they only act on what they are absolutely certain of. What's it like to have a friend like that?
2. Is doubting a way of responding or is it a way of life? Do you doubt to better understand something, or do you doubt in an effort to find faults?
3. Thomas was a doubter, but his doubts had a purpose- *he wanted to know the truth*. There's a difference between having doubts, and moving forward to find the truth behind the doubt. Have you ever moved forward through a doubt? What was that experience like?
4. When you are doubting, do you tend to share that with others in an effort to process and better understand? Or do you tend to think about things alone? What does that look like for you?
5. Read John 20:24-29. What are your conditions that you've laid out in order for you to believe?
6. *Jesus does not reject doubts that are honest and directed toward belief*. Pastor Will said that "it's better to doubt out loud than to disbelieve in silence" because silent doubts rarely find answers. What would it look like for you to doubt out loud with other believers? How can we do this as a group, helping each other find truth?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: God, help me to process my doubt out loud with other believers. I want to stop doubting and believe.

NEXT STEP

Like many people, you may have doubts, or be working through questions about faith. We have an opportunity for you called *Explore* - a 5-week group created to be a conversation, facilitated by authentic leaders who have been where you are and wrestled with their faith questions. Our Explore facilitators are committed to providing a safe, judgment-free environment for you to explore faith. You'll have space to discover how your life and faith interact.

<https://brazosfellowship.churchcenter.com/groups/explore/explore>