



- The actions of Jesus reveal the **grace of God** to us.

...Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! John 14:9

How much each gospel dedicates to Jesus' last week:

Matthew - **25%**

Mark - **30%**

Luke - **20%**

John - **over 40%**.

- All of us have seasons of **doubts**.

(To) Be merciful to those who doubt.. Jude 1:22

Good News for doubting believers:

- Jesus meets us in our **fears**.

19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. John 20:19

Action step:

The way we deal with fear is, **bring Jesus into it**.

- Jesus speaks **peace** to us before He gives **proof** to us.

Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. John 20:19b- 21a

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Action Step:

Build daily **quiet time**, even 10 minutes of stillness before God.

- Jesus meets us in our **doubts**.

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." John 20:24-25

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "**Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?**" 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." Luke 24:36-39

Your doubts (handled properly), can actually promote a **stronger faith**.

Action Step:

Ask God to **help you** with your doubts.

Commit to **finding answers** to your doubts from scripture.

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

- In our doubts Jesus invites us to **experience Him**.

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." John 20:26-29

Action Step:

Move from observation to **participation**.

- We've been given the **Spirit** to help us in our doubts.

...As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." 22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. John 20:19-22

John 14:26; Romans 8:16; Romans 8:26

Action Step:

Acknowledge your need for the **Spirit daily**.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

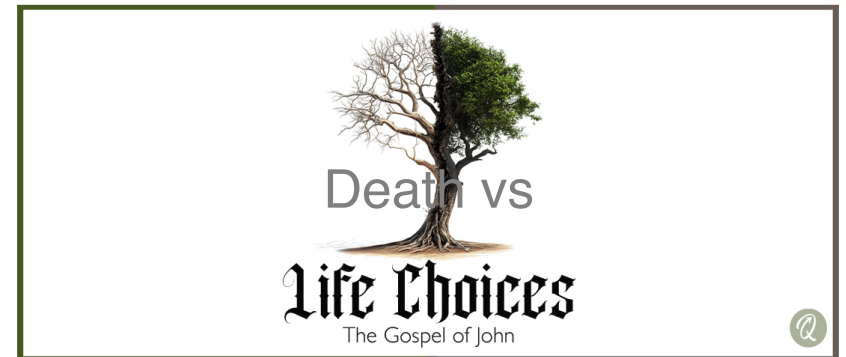
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- What do the actions of Jesus in John 20 reveal about the heart of God toward fearful and doubting people? How does this shape or reshape your view of God?
- All four Gospels give significant attention to Jesus' final week. Why do you think so much of the Gospel accounts focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus? How does the resurrection specifically speak to seasons of doubt in your life?
- Why do you think many believers feel uncomfortable admitting doubt? What would it look like for our group to be a safe place for honest faith struggles?
- John 20:19 shows Jesus entering a locked room full of fearful disciples. What fears tend to "lock the door" in your life right now? Practically, what does it look like to bring Jesus into those fears instead of managing them alone?
- Why do you think Jesus prioritized speaking peace before giving answers? How could building daily quiet time with God help you experience His peace this week?
- What stands out to you about how Jesus responds to Thomas? How can doubts—when handled properly—actually strengthen your faith?
- Jesus invites Thomas to touch His wounds (John 20:26-29). What is one practical way you can move from observation to participation in your faith this week?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us in moments of fear and doubt? What would it look like for you to depend on the Spirit daily instead of your own strength?

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