

## **How God Transformed the Doubter**

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**Text: John 20:24-31**

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**Introduction:** When word began to spread that Jesus had risen from the dead, not everyone believed.

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**The Bible doesn't have much good to say about doubt. Doubting people:**

Lose the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ God's power, like Peter did when he walked on water (Matthew 14:30).

Lose power in \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 21:21).

Lose the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ clearly what is before their very \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:37-39).

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***Doubt would surely have destroyed God's ability to use Thomas as He intended. In our own lives, either we will destroy doubt, or doubt will destroy us!***

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**Doubt has a way of spreading through groups of people and multiplying itself. Doubt:**

Begins with a \_\_\_\_\_.

Becomes an \_\_\_\_\_.

Blossoms into \_\_\_\_\_.

Boasts in \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus had not given Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ to doubt Him.

The doubt came from within Thomas himself.

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***THE FIRST LAW OF COUNSELING: "What you say about me says more about you than it does about me."***

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Belief is a \_\_\_\_\_ and doubt is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Otherwise Jesus would not have \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas to stop doubting!

Since what we believe \_\_\_\_\_ our actions, could it be that the real cause of doubt is a reluctance to do what belief will \_\_\_\_\_ us to do?

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**Conclusion:** Jesus transformed Thomas into a man of belief, trust, and obedience by offering evidence of His resurrection. Are you willing to follow the evidence WHEREVER it leads?

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