

How God Transformed the Doubter

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Text: John 20:24-31

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

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).

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!

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.

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

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?

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?
