

Monday - Psalm 13:1-2

David doesn't hide his questions—he brings them straight to God: "How long, Lord?" Faith isn't pretending everything is fine. It's choosing to speak honestly with God when it's not. Many of us think doubt disqualifies us, but Scripture shows the opposite. Honest questions can actually deepen trust. The danger isn't doubt—it's silence. When we bury our questions, they grow in the dark. But when we bring them into God's presence, they begin to change. Like Thomas, we're invited to stay, to ask, and to seek. God is not fragile—He can handle what's on your heart.

Prayer: Lord, help me bring my honest questions to You instead of hiding them.

Tuesday - Proverbs 3:5-6

Trusting God doesn't mean we understand everything—especially when life doesn't go as planned. We often lean on our own understanding, trying to make sense of every detail before we trust. But faith works differently. It says, "God, I don't see it clearly—but I still choose You." Judas tried to control what he didn't understand. Thomas stayed, even without answers. Trust begins when we stop demanding clarity before obedience. God's ways are often bigger than our perspective, but He promises to guide those who lean on Him. Trust isn't the absence of doubt—it's the decision to move forward anyway.

Prayer: God, teach me to trust You even when I don't understand.

Wednesday - Hebrews 10:23-25

When doubt creeps in, our instinct is often to pull away. We disengage, isolate, and quietly drift. But Scripture calls us to the opposite: hold fast, stay connected, keep showing up. Thomas didn't have all the answers—but he stayed with the disciples. And that's where Jesus met him. Growth rarely happens in isolation. God often works through community, even when we feel uncertain. Staying doesn't mean you've figured it out—it means you're willing to keep seeking. Don't underestimate what God can do when you simply remain present, even in your questions.

Prayer: Lord, give me the strength to stay close to You and Your people when I feel uncertain.

Thursday - Isaiah 55:8-9

We all come to God with expectations—how He should act, when He should move, what He should fix. But God reminds us: His ways are higher than ours. When expectations fall apart, doubt often follows. Judas couldn't reconcile his expectations with Jesus' reality. Thomas couldn't either—but he stayed open. Sometimes what feels like disappointment is actually God working in a deeper way than we can see. Faith means trusting that God sees what we cannot. His plan may not match ours—but it is always better than we imagine.

Prayer: God, help me trust Your ways when they don't match my expectations.

Friday - Hebrews 4:15-16

Jesus understands what it means to struggle. He knows weakness, pain, and pressure. That's why we're invited to draw near with confidence—not because we have it all together, but because He does. When we doubt, we often feel like we should step back. But Jesus invites us closer. He meets us in our questions, not after we resolve them. You don't have to clean up your doubts before coming to Him. Bring them with you. Grace is not for the certain—it's for the seeking.

Prayer: Jesus, give me the courage to come to You just as I am.

Saturday - Matthew 7:7-8

Jesus gives a simple invitation: ask, seek, knock. That's the posture of someone who doesn't have all the answers—but refuses to walk away. Doubt can either shut us down or push us to search more deeply. Thomas chose to seek, and Jesus met him there. God honors those who pursue Him honestly. He doesn't ignore sincere questions—He responds to them. Keep asking. Keep seeking. Keep knocking. Faith grows not in having all the answers, but in continuing the pursuit.

Prayer: Lord, help me keep seeking You, even when I don't have all the answers.



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Today's Scripture

Matthew 26:14-16 (NLT)

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

Matthew 27:3-5 (NLT)

When Judas, who had betrayed him, realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was filled with remorse. So he took the thirty pieces of silver back to the leading priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he declared, "for I have betrayed an innocent man."

"What do we care?" they retorted. "That's your problem."

Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself.

John 20:24-29 (NLT)

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

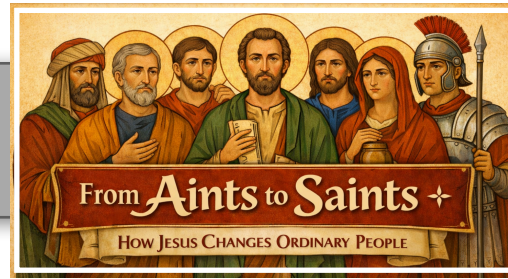
Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

Matthew 7:7-8 (NLT)

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.



Week 6

Judas & Thomas

**Jesus meets us where we are
but loves us to much to leave us there.**

Write down what you hear God saying to you:

What to remember:

- **Doubt is not rebellion, doubt is tension.**
- **The problem isn't doubt - its what we do with it.**
- **Doubt didn't kill Judas, closing the door did.**
- **Doubt didn't condemn Thomas. Jesus met him there.**

Further Conversation

1. When something doesn't go the way you expected, what's your natural response—try to fix it, step back, or wait it out?
2. What stood out to you most from the message about Judas and Thomas? Why do you think that connected with you?
3. **The problem isn't doubt—it's what we do with it.** How have you seen that play out in your own life or in someone else's?
4. Judas closed the door and walked away, while Thomas stayed and wrestled with his questions. Which response do you find yourself relating to more right now—and why?
5. Where in your life has God not met your expectations recently? How has that affected your trust in Him?
6. **Jesus says to ask, seek, and knock.** What would it look like for you this week to *open the door* in a real, practical way?

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