

Iron Sharpens Iron



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**Talia Harb:
A Skeptical
Christian**





Big Questions

- ◉ How can we trust the Bible as a valid source of authority?
- ◉ Historical proof of Jesus' existence
- ◉ What is the historical/scientific evidence for the Resurrection?

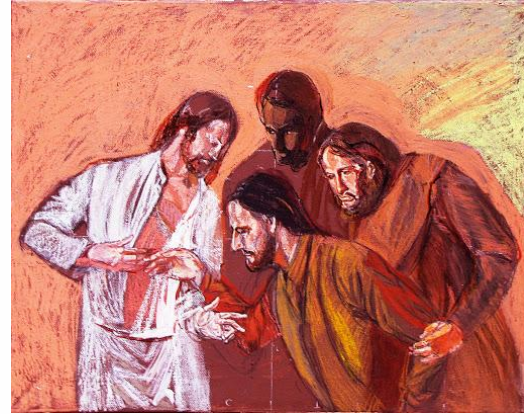
Doubting Thomas

John 20:25

The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

John 20:29

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.





Jesus' View of Thomas

- ◉ Thomas did not let others do the thinking for him
- ◉ Jesus did not rebuke him for his disbelief, He came down to his level
- ◉ Jesus saw that deep down, all Thomas wanted was to know God



What I learned from Doubting Thomas


- ◉ I should not be ashamed for being skeptical
- ◉ Jesus wants to turn my doubt into belief
- ◉ Assurance in my faith and a greater love for God comes from seeking answers to my questions



1 Peter 5:5b-7

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



*“You have made us for yourself,
O Lord, and our hearts are
restless until they **rest in You.**”
– St. Augustine, “Confessions”*

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