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The Twelve

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 | * Nathanael (Bartholomew)
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| * John
 | * Matthew
 | * Judas Iscariot
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Thomas

“Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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.’

“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!’ 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.’

“Thomas said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Then Jesus told Him, ‘Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”
 John 20:24-29 (NIV)

1. Dealing with Doubts & Questions
* Is it normal to have doubts? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Is it ok to have doubts? \_\_\_\_\_\_
* Other Biblical people who had doubts: David, Job, Sarah

“We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed.”
2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (GN)

1. Where do doubts come from?
* Personal hurts and disappointments
* Science and Unanswered questions
* Worldly influence and Criticism
* Human Suffering in General
1. What do we do with our doubts?
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your doubts.

“John’s two disciples found Jesus and said to Him, ‘John the Baptist sent us to ask, “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?” . . . I tell you, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of God is greater than he is!’” Luke 7:20,28 (NLT)

“Be merciful to those who doubt.” Jude 1:22 (NIV)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your Doubts.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your doubts.

“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’”
Mark 9:24 (ESV)

How do I confront my Doubts?

* Search Scripture
* Ask Godly people for guidance
* Run to God in prayer
* Keep believing
* Educate yourself (you’re probably not the first to deal with your issue.)