

Extraordinary Lengths

I was reading the story of Jesus Christ after His resurrection when He was appearing to the apostles. Thomas (who was infamously labeled “Doubting Thomas”) wasn't there in the room when Christ first appeared to them (You're going to want to read this for yourself, Jesus came in even though the door was locked – look at John 20:19-31).



Doubting Thomas earned his dubious title when having returned to the house and was told by the others about Jesus appearing, he said, ***“Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”*** (John 20:25 nasb) So he didn't.

Christ didn't jump quickly to allay Thomas' disbelief, He instead, waited over a week before He came to them again. His timing is His own, and it's rarely as fast as we'd like to have our fears allayed, or our situation changed. But let us never doubt that He is alive, and active, and will do what He says He will do.

Thomas, who was probably feeling pretty justified in his disbelief by this time, was probably even more shocked when Jesus Christ returned eight days later, and he was then shown the nail pierced hands, and the hole in His side.

Jesus didn't have to do that. He could have left Thomas to struggle with his doubts, but instead, Christ went to extraordinary lengths for some to believe. In fact, He went to extraordinary lengths so that all could be saved.

It may not have been in the timing, or the way that Thomas would have preferred, but it was as Christ would have it be, and according to the Father's plan.

Is there something that you are doubting God about today? Have you read His promises but feel you have yet to receive them? Are things not looking as you expected them to look? Don't doubt. His timing may not be what you'd prefer, but His timing is according to a plan that is ultimately best for us.

If we are going to be labeled, may it be for things such as being faithful, women who trust, and are eagerly awaiting His return, because we believe.

Father, thank You for sending Jesus to die for us, but thank You even more for the truth of the resurrection. Thank You for revealing Yourself to us, even in times of doubt. Bless this one reading this today with the knowledge that even if things look different than she anticipated that You really are still here. Help her to trust, and to walk in faith. May we be women who are labeled faithful and trusting. In Christ. I pray, amen.