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### What Do We Know About Thomas?

- He was one of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- He may have been a \_\_\_\_\_. John 11:16
- He's best known not for the things he said, but for his \_\_\_\_\_. John 14:4

### What Do We See About Thomas' Character or Story?

- Thomas is \_\_\_\_\_. John 11:16
- He's honest about his \_\_\_\_\_.
- He struggles to believe what he can't \_\_\_\_\_. John 20:25
- He wants his own faith, not \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

### How Did Jesus Shape Thomas?

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ in his doubt. John 20:27
- Jesus gave him what he needed to believe but then called him into \_\_\_\_\_. John 20:29
- Jesus led him to a \_\_\_\_\_ confession and \_\_\_\_\_ faith. John 20:28

### What Does This Mean for Us?

1. Instead of hiding doubts, \_\_\_\_\_ them - and \_\_\_\_\_ them to Jesus. Mark 9:22-24
2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ during times of struggle.
3. Don't settle for \_\_\_\_\_ faith. Mark 28-29; Rom 10:9

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