

Taking Doubt out of Doubter

June 20:24-31

I want to talk to you to-day about Taking doubt out of doubters. you know if there is any person who was a weak - he goes back in his eyes it is the doubter. If there is any man who looks like he has been a fuss with his wife & leaving home it is the doubter. If there is any person who will look through his eyes blame and say yes. you do it it is the doubter. The doubter is the person usually riding away from Church. ^{Jesus could not do many wonderful works in a certain place because of them} In his friends, a man may also accuse me may lie to me and even me but if he has enough wants to hurt me let him doubt me.

you have heard of doubting Thomas. well we read about him to-day. and there are just a few things we want to notice about him.

1. He was absent from church. The other ten apostles were present on him. evening at the services but Thomas was conspicuous by his absence. I do not know where he was. they did not have an evening paper even there. I have not read of a post room. He was not out of riding. well maybe you all can tell me what he was likely doing. you who do not read your paper, nor play pool, nor go riding what do you do on Sunday night? Some of you rest and we are well guess at you about that. [what Thomas missed by not being at Church - Christ - so will you.]

2. well this doubter came back to church the next Sunday. He was not away long. this is one redeeming feature. He got to thinking about it and was open to conviction if the proof could be produced. He really wanted to be convinced.

you know there are some folk who are so smart that they just know you will never convince them and they do not want you to have the name of convincing them. Thomas went back to get the proof.

3. If you go to Christ for proof you will get it. The proof came. while they were all shut in Jesus appeared in their midst and addressed Thomas. Jesus was and is no any one that all doubt be taken out of doubters. He asked Thomas to put his fingers in the nail prints and his hand in the wounded side.

It is well for folk to come to church and to get together at other times with the church members. we had a good time. you must not talking by not being there. some people say - we had a good time.

44 When convinced Thomas was willing to say so. He exclaimed, "my Lord and my God."

"Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands, reach thither thy whole hand and thrust it into my side." Oh those wounds! But at that side, out of his hands came blood but out of his side came water & blood. Scientists tell us that grief and trouble can be severe enough that the blood in the heart becomes part water. I understand any doubt better when I read on heart that "thrust your hand in and be not faithless but believing."

Faithless - without faith - doubters. Jesus could not do many wonderful works in a certain place - because because of what - because of their unbelief - because they were doubters. According to the Bible Jesus himself can't do anything if the crowd is a gang of doubters. People or not inclined to doubt whether they can make up enough money to go to the show - to play pool - to buy a car - a piece of land or to take a trip. But to give a little of himself a church they have their serious doubts. Jesus wants believers and not doubters.

The world needs believers not doubters. In this awful age. This "critical age" now we need people who have a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. People who do not listen and follow shadows so much in these days. "Be not faithless but believing."

Just think what those prints have meant.

1. To the disciples there in the room. It strengthened their faith. Then out there when He at the Resurrection He lifted His hands to bless them and
3. Know they saw the prints and faith was left in their anxious hearts.

2. To Paul who thought upon and lived those marks until he could say "From henceforth let no man trouble me for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."
3. To St. Francis of Assisi. He thought upon the marks till they appeared in his hands.

we can be believers and thereby not be doubters. How? By touching Christ. Thomas - a doubter - touched Jesus and fell back and cried, "my Lord and my God." Thank God.

I reached up my finger this morning & kissed
I reached my hand up this morning &
His side as his faith I saw him in the room
and I truly felt that He was "my Lord and
my God" and I cried Jesus help me to be faith-
ful to day - faithful to thee and thy Church
and help me and my Church to be an in-
strument in this Community to get
the "Doubt out of doubters"

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