

FoDCC: 6th July 2014 - Speaker Mike Taylor  
**Doubt and Faith (John 20:24-29)**

UNBELIEF is the opposite of faith.

DOUBT can only exist where there is faith.

Faith's power comes from THE ONE WHO WE HAVE FAITH IN.

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you”, he said. [...] One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came.

— John 20:19, 24.

We all start in DIFFERENT SITUATIONS.

[The other disciples] told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

— John 20:25

There is a difference between DOUBT and UNBELIEF.

Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them.

— John 20:26a.

Thomas was still SEARCHING FOR JESUS.

[Jesus] said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

— John 20:27.

What is Jesus' response to Thomas?

1. He SHOWS HIMSELF TO THOMAS.
2. He TELLS THOMAS TO STOP DOUBTING.
3. He WELCOMES THOMAS BACK.

“My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.

— John 20:28.

Thomas's response to seeing Jesus is WORSHIP.

Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

— John 20:29.

Who is blessed? WE ARE.