

Message Notes | I've Got Questions

Part 1: What Do I Do with My Questions?

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→ our childhood understanding gets challenged

→ it's ok to ask questions about God

**#1 Your _____ can be a _____
for a stronger _____.**

→ Thomas and his circumstances - John 11:16

→ Thomas is in the room when Jesus shows up - **vs. 24-26**

#2 When you have questions, don't _____.
_____.

→ Jesus shows up even though Thomas is in the room -
vs. 26-29

#3 Jesus _____ you in your _____ and
_____.

→ growing our understanding

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2. It was said that your questions can be a catalyst for a stronger faith. Do you see questions as helpful or harmful? How do you feel about this statement?
3. Karen Armstrong pointed out that sometimes our understanding of God can stay childlike instead of growing. In what ways has your understanding of God changed over time?
4. Think about the chaos the disciples experienced after Jesus' death. What questions would those circumstances naturally lead to? Can you relate? How?
5. **Read John 20:24-26.** What stands out to you about Thomas coming back to the group? Why is it significant that he didn't isolate?

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Bible Reading for Today

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²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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."

²⁶ 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!" ²⁷ 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."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.