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A full-page image of a nuclear explosion in space. A large, billowing white and grey mushroom cloud rises from a smaller, more compact cloud at the bottom. The background is a deep blue sky, and the horizon of the Earth is visible at the bottom, showing a thin layer of white clouds. The word "DOUBT" is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the center of the image, with a slight shadow effect.

DOUBT

PEOPLE OR PROFESSIONS

WE HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT

Jesus Appears to Thomas

◇ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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 it."

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!" 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."

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

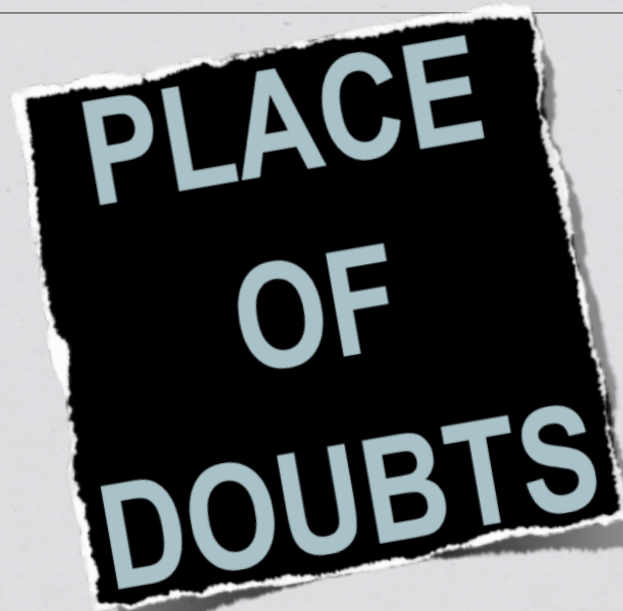
Jesus Appears to Thomas

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

PLACE OF DOUBTS

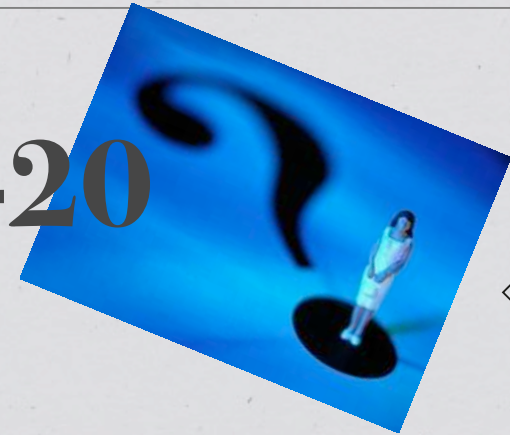
- * Doubt is to believe and disbelieve at the same time - of two minds- an inner debate
- * John 6 miracle... challenge... doubt
- * Faith and doubt are two sides of the same coin
- * Doubt is an element of faith
- * Can have faith with doubt in mind at the same time



PLACE OF DOUBTS

- * It is all right to question
- * Are we willing to ask and are we willing to look for the answer?
- * God would rather we hassle him about our doubts than give up

Matthew 28: 16-20



* Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



* Doubt about what we can achieve

* God doesn't just provide answers... he offers himself... he understands all we go through, he wants a relationship