

John 14:5

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

Good old Doubting Thomas. Out of all the apostles, how many would want to be like Thomas? Some would prefer to be more like John, full of love, or even Peter, even though he messed up all the time, at least he tried. But to be a Thomas, most would shutter at the thought of doubting Jesus.

But you know what, I would want to, and maybe like Thomas. You see, we call him a Doubting Thomas because he did not see Jesus resurrected like the rest of the Apostles did, so he questioned it. But you know what, none of the apostles believed at first either. That's right, all eleven disbelieved and all could be called a "Doubting Thomas".

† **Luke 24:9-11** *Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.* (underlined for emphasis)

So we can't really point out Thomas for doubting, because none of them believed until they saw Jesus with their own eyes. But we still call Thomas "Doubting Thomas" and why? Because he asked questions, and if you think about it, they were probably questions all the others were wondering about, yet they may have felt like they would look too stupid if they asked.

In my job, I used to train people to do what I do, and with that, one of the first things I would tell new people is that *"There is no such thing as a stupid question, just a stupid mistake for not asking the question."* Yet how many are afraid to be honest with the Lord and afraid that if we ask that question it will look like we don't have enough faith, or we are not really a Christian? What? You don't think the Lord knows your thoughts anyway, whether you ask the question or not?

† **Psalms 139:2 (NLT2)** *You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.*

It does not make you any less of a Christian if you doubt something or have questions. It makes you human. Jesus did not think any less of Thomas because he doubted or wanted to see proof. I could be wrong, but I think the Lord is more pleased when we are honest with Him, then when we try to cover things up, or try to appear to be a super Christian when He knows we are not.

† **1 Chronicles 28:9 (NLT2)** *And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind.*

For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

So don't be afraid to be honest with the Lord and go ahead and ask Him those questions, because one of the best ways to learn is to ask, no matter how stupid or insignificant it sounds. Because sometimes you won't get an answer unless you ask.

✝ **James 1:5** *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*