

# JESUS IS.

A SERIES IN JOHN

**Series: Jesus Is (62)**

**Title: So That You May Believe**

**Scripture: John 20:19-31 (CSB)**

**2024 Memory Verses: Theme Verse:** *34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* **John 13:34–35 ESV**

**May:** *“31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”* **John 20:31 ESV**

**April:** *“17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”* **John 17:7-8 ESV**

1. Jesus steps into their **fear** to give his **peace**. (vs. 19-20; John 14:27-31)
2. Jesus steps into their **confusion** to reveal his **purpose**. (v. 21)
3. Jesus steps into their **weakness** to reveal his **power**. (vs. 22-23; Luke 24:44-49; Isaiah 53:5; 2 Corinthians 12:9)

**Doubt** – Feeling uncertainty or lack of conviction. Doubt conveys being unsure or even being a little afraid.

**Unbelief** – The denying of the existence and authority of God.

**Faith** - The reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

**What doubt does in our lives:**

- All of us will run into doubt at some point in our lives.
- Doubt distracts our affections from God and turns them to the trivial things of this world
- *“Desires for good things morph to become dangerous things because they have become ruling things”. – Paul David Tripp*

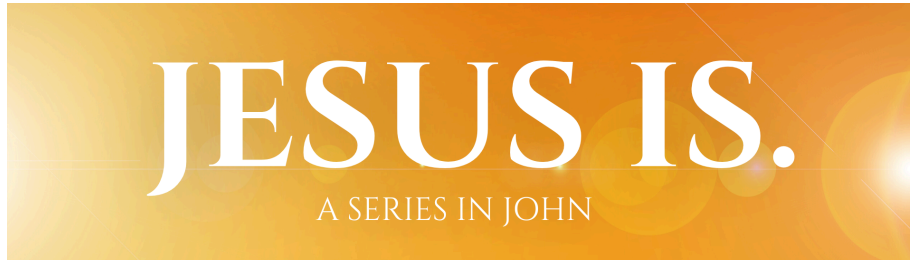
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people

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**How Jesus deals with our doubt:**

- He meets Thomas where he is.
- He shows Thomas what he longed to see.
- He charges Thomas to not be faithless, but believe.
- He acknowledges all who have come before and those of us who have come after who never got to see Jesus in the flesh yet still believe.

If anything or anyone other than Jesus gains our affections and becomes a ruling thing in our lives, we are far more susceptible to lean into doubt. Our affections must be set on Jesus alone.

Life in his name.

Life in his name brings **peace** to our **fear**. (Phil 4:6-7; Rom 5:1)

Life in his name brings **purpose** to our **confusion**. (Eph 2:1-10)

Life in his name brings **power** to our **weakness**. (2 Cor 12:9-10; Acts 1:8)