

- I. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.**
 - A. 2,000 years ago, Jesus arose from the dead and proved that he was/is the promised Savior, the Son of the living God.**
 - B. The resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian faith (1 Cor. 15:14).**
 - C. The resurrection of Christ is a reliable historical fact.**
 - D. Thomas was one of many who saw the risen Christ.**
 - E. Thomas needed to see things clearly; once he saw clearly he believed wholeheartedly.**
- II. Thomas' Doubt.**
 - A. Thomas questioned Jesus (John 14:5).**
 - B. Thomas refused to pretend he understood when he didn't.**
 - C. Thomas questioned friends (John 20:25).**
 - D. Thomas wanted to see and touch the risen Christ.**
 - E. Thomas was no different than the other apostles (see Luke 24:11 and 24:37).**
- III. Thomas' Faith.**
 - A. Jesus appeared to Thomas and told him to stop doubting and believe (John 20:27).**
 - B. Thomas' honest doubt became honest faith.**
 - C. Thomas cried out, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).**
- IV. What Thomas' Doubt Proves.**
 - A. The Lord welcomes all seekers of truth.**
 - 1. Jesus didn't scold or rebuke Thomas for questioning him (see John 14:5,6).**
 - 2. God encourages honest questions and doubts.**
 - B. Jesus Christ arose from the dead.**
 - 1. Thomas refused to believe his companions when they told him that Jesus had risen from the dead.**
 - 2. Thomas was persuaded against his own will that Jesus was alive; this is a powerful testimony to the resurrection of Christ.**
- V. Conclusion.**
 - A. Jesus died so that we could live.**
 - B. Eternal life is a gift, but like any other gift it isn't ours until we actually receive or accept it.**
 - C. Have you accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord?**