

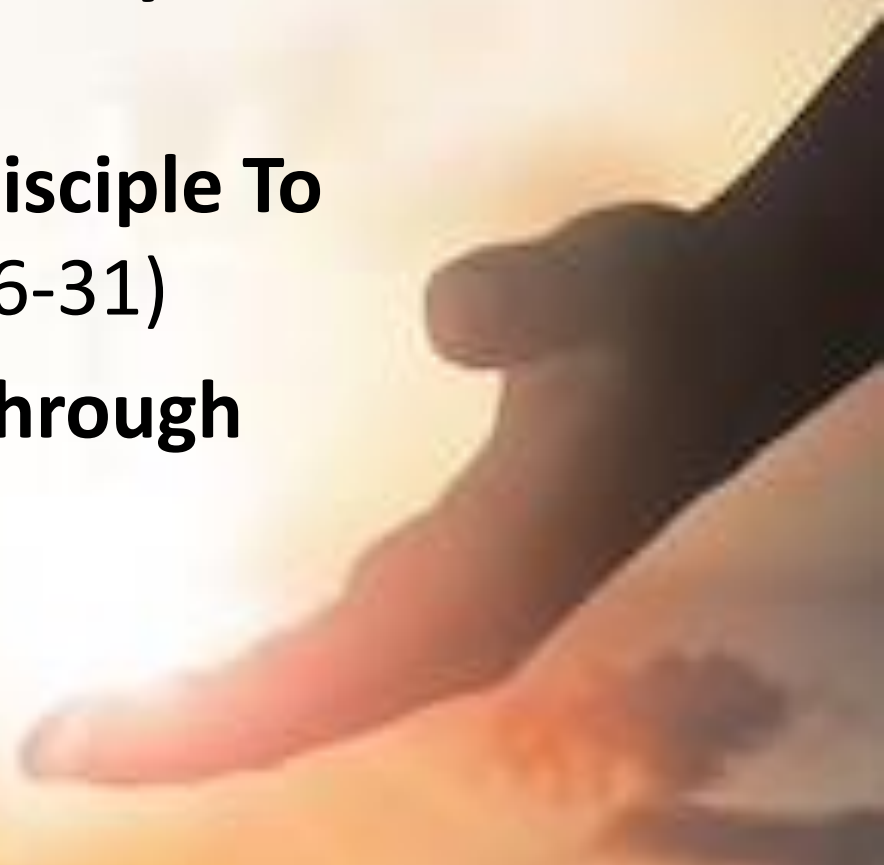
***The Cross of Christ: If I were
Thomas
John 20:24-29***

1. The Defense of Thomas

- **1. Thomas Was An Apostle, Chosen Personally By Jesus (Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13)**
- **2. Thomas Was Not Present The First Time Jesus Appeared To His Apostles (John 20:24)**
- **3. Thomas Was Not The Only Apostle To Have Doubts (Mark 16:11; Luke 24:10-11, 36-39)**
- **4. Thomas Did Not Remain A Doubter (John 20:28)**

2. The Dedication of Thomas

- **1. It Is Not Wrong For A Disciple To Doubt – To Search For Certainty**
(John 14:1-6; 1 Pet. 3:15)
- **2. But, It Is Wrong For A Disciple To Keep Doubting** (Matt. 14:26-31)
- **3. A True Disciple Walks Through The Doubts** (John 11:8, 16)



The Distinction Between A Doubter And An Unbeliever

- A doubter is a person who searches for God and the godly life; He is on a quest for truth, and continues to ask the questions that only God can answer.
- An unbeliever isn't searching for God but for the pleasures of this world. An unbeliever isn't asking questions about God because he is apathetic to God.
- A doubter struggles with God and in the course of his struggle strengthens his faith.
- An unbeliever simply struggles to pay the bills, find a spouse, find a job, find a house. That is all.

**“Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed.”**

Will We Be Baptized Today For The Forgiveness Of Sins?

Hear Him (Romans 10:17)

Believe Him (Mark 16:16)

Repent Of Sins Against Him (Acts 2:38)

Confess Him (Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized Into Him (Acts 22:16)

Live For Him (Galatians 2:20)

Will We Be Restored Today If An Erring Christian?

Come Back To Him (Matthew 11:28-30)

Repent (Acts 8:22)

Pray (James 5:16)