

# In Defense of the Apostle Thomas

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Scripture Text: John 20: 18-29

## I. Introduction

- a. CHRISTIANS AND BELIEVERS
- b. MOSES AND PATRIARCHS
- c. KINGS AND PROPHETS; APOSTLES AND MINISTERS
- d. LITTLE KNOWN BIBLE FIGURES
- e. THE APOSTLE THOMAS- THE GOOD AND THE BAD

## II. Point No. One: The Selection of Thomas

- a. ONE OF THE TWELVE ORIGINAL DISCIPLES OR APOSTLES
- b. MATT 10: 1-5
- c. SOMETHING GOOD AND USEFUL IN THOMAS
- d. JESUS PRAYED FOR ALL OF HIS APOSTLES. JOHN 17
- e. FAITHFULNESS OF THOMAS JOHN 11: 14-15
- f. THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS
- g. JESUS HAD A PLAN.
- h. THOMAS WAS WILLING TO DIE FOR JESUS

## III. Point No. Two: The Problems with Thomas

- a. THOMAS WAS NOT EVIL.
- b. TALKING WITHOUT THINKING
- c. JOHN 14: 1-6
- d. QUESTIONING JESUS.
- e. SPEAKING OUT OF TURN, FOR THE GROUP

- f. BEING NEGATIVE
- g. CONTRADICTING JESUS
- h. NOT UNDERSTANDING JESUS
- i. BEING ABSENT AT CRUCIAL TIMES
- j. OUR TEXT IN JOHN 20: 18-29.
- k. HE REQUIRED "EVIDENCE".

#### **IV. Point No. Three: The Case for Thomas**

- a. VILIFIED AND LABELED- PROFESSIONAL DOUBTER
- b. JOHN 14:6
- c. JESUS' REACTION
- d. JESUS USED IT TO TEACH AND GIVE ASSURANCES
- e. GOD'S WISDOM
- f. JESUS OFFERS THE PROOF
- g. THOMAS REALIZED HIS MISTAKE
- h. LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES
- i. BELIEVING WITHOUT SEEING

#### **V. Conclusion**

- a. THOMAS WAS A FLAWED FIGURE WHO MADE MISTAKES.
- b. JESUS TURNED HIS STATEMENTS INTO LESSON
- c. THOMAS WAS USED AS AN INSTRUMENT TO CONVEY THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

#### **VI. Invitation**

- a. HEAR THE GOSPEL ROM. 10:10
- b. BELIEVE THE GOSPEL ROM. 10: 17
- c. REPENT OF YOUR SINS LUKE 13:3
- d. CONFESS YOUR FAITH IN JESUS ACTS 8: 37
- e. BE BAPTIZED IN WATER FOR REMISSION OF SINS ACTS 2: 38
- f. LIVE A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE UNTIL DEATH REV. 2: 10
- g. MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH – REPENT- JAMES 5:16