

# Jesus Gets **Doubt**

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## JOHN 20:1-31

Jesus's resurrection is often met with **DOUBT**,

**resurrection** = *Jesus was clearly dead, then rose back to life, never to die again*

**doubters: Mary Magdalene, the Disciples, Thomas** John 20:11-29

but he graciously **MEETS US** in it

**personally**

**in the Word** John 20:30-31

and left us strong **EVIDENCE!**

### biblical

1. Jesus's resurrection was prophesied in advance. Isaiah 53:8-12
2. Jesus predicted his resurrection. Matthew 12:38-40; Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34; John 2:18-2
3. Jesus clearly died. John 19:34-35
4. Jesus was buried in a tomb that was easy to find. Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60
5. Jesus appeared physically—not just spiritually—alive three days after his death. Matthew 28:9; John 20:17; 20:20-29; Luke 24:31, 36; 1 Corinthians 15
6. Jesus's resurrection was recorded as Scripture shortly after it occurred. Mark 14:53, 54, 60, 61, 63
7. Jesus's resurrection was celebrated in the earliest church creeds. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
8. Jesus's resurrection convinced his *family* to worship him as God. John 7:5; 1 Corinthians 15:7; James 1:1; Acts 12:17; 15:12-21; 21:18; Gal. 2:9; Acts 1:14; Jude 1
9. Jesus's resurrection was confirmed by his most bitter enemies. Philippians 3:4-6; Acts 7:54-60; Acts 9

### circumstantial

1. Jesus's disciples were transformed. Compare Peter in Luke 22:54-62 with Peter in Acts 3 & 4
2. Jesus's disciples remained loyal to Jesus as their Messiah.
3. The day of worship changed. Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Revelation 1:10
4. Women discovered the empty tomb. Mark 15:40, 47; 16:1
5. The entirety of early church preaching was centered on the historical fact of Jesus's resurrection.
6. Jesus's tomb was not enshrined.
7. Christianity exploded on the earth and billions claim to be Christians today.



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## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Discussion

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

## Welcome to Life Group!

### Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here's two totally *random* questions to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer at least one:

1. *What do you find yourself most cynical of? Why?*
2. *What pictures fill your mind when you think of Jesus's resurrection?*

### Priming the Pump...

- *As you think back on this week's message, what one or two statements or points are most important for you to remember and why?*
- *Which piece of evidence that Pastor Josh presented most resonated with you?*

## Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.

1. In the message this weekend Pastor Josh encouraged and reminded us that there is good news for doubting Christians. Like Mary not finding Jesus in the empty tomb or Thomas uncertain of Jesus actually being alive—we can feel perplexed, uncertain, and even doubtful of what God is up to in our lives. Thankfully, the Bible provides us with clarity and instruction we can turn to for comfort and guidance.

**Reflect on Isaiah 46:9-11.** Have you ever seen God's purposes or truths from the Bible clearly after a time when his purposes or the Bible seemed confusing? What was it like?

*As you read the passage below...*

**Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.

**Underline** what you think is important to remember.

**Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

<sup>9</sup> Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me. <sup>10</sup> Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish. <sup>11</sup> I will call a swift bird of prey from the east— a leader from a distant land to come and do my bidding. I have said what I would do, and I will do it. **ISAIAH 46:9-11 (NLT)**

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# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR MISSION

**We are sent** to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

## YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible “home”, we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

### 1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

### 2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

### 3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more than* you consume!

# Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

## Word Find: John 20:1-7 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

1 Now on the **first** day of the **week** **Mary Magdalene** came to the **tomb** **early**, while it was **still dark**, and saw that the **stone** had **been taken away** from the **tomb**. 2 So she ran and went to **Simon Peter** and the **other disciple**, the one whom **Jesus loved**, and **said** to them, “They have **taken the Lord** out of the **tomb**, and we do not **know** where they have **laid** him.” 3 So **Peter** went out with the **other disciple**, and they were going **toward the tomb**. 4 **Both** of them were **running** together, but the **other disciple** outran **Peter** and reached the **tomb first**. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the **linen cloths lying there**, but he did not go in. 6 Then **Simon Peter** came, following him, and went into the **tomb**. He saw the **linen cloths lying there**, 7 and the face **cloth**, which had **been** on **Jesus’** head, not **lying** with the **linen cloths** but folded up in a place by itself.

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# life groups Discussion Guide (continued)

2. Have you ever felt like God did not understand what you were going through? What truths in **Psalm 139:1-6** can you rely on should that feeling arise in the future?

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. <sup>3</sup> You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. <sup>4</sup> You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. <sup>5</sup> You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! **PSALM 139:1-6 (NLT)**

3. Of the three “doubters” Pastor Josh mentioned in the message this weekend, which do you most identify with?

- Do you have doubts? What do you do with them?
- Has God ever met you in your doubt like he did with those in John 20? Write about it or tell your group about it.
- After a number of people decided not to believe and follow Jesus, he asked the disciples if they would leave him, too. Look at Peter's reply in **John 6:68**. How might his example encourage you when you doubt?

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” **JOHN 6:68 (ESV)**

## Bonus Video!

If you'd like to learn more about what it means to put your faith in Jesus and/or how to share the Gospel with someone else in a way that makes sense, scan this QR code to view a 7:43 video with Pastor Josh!



## Close

As you close, take time to pray for each other.

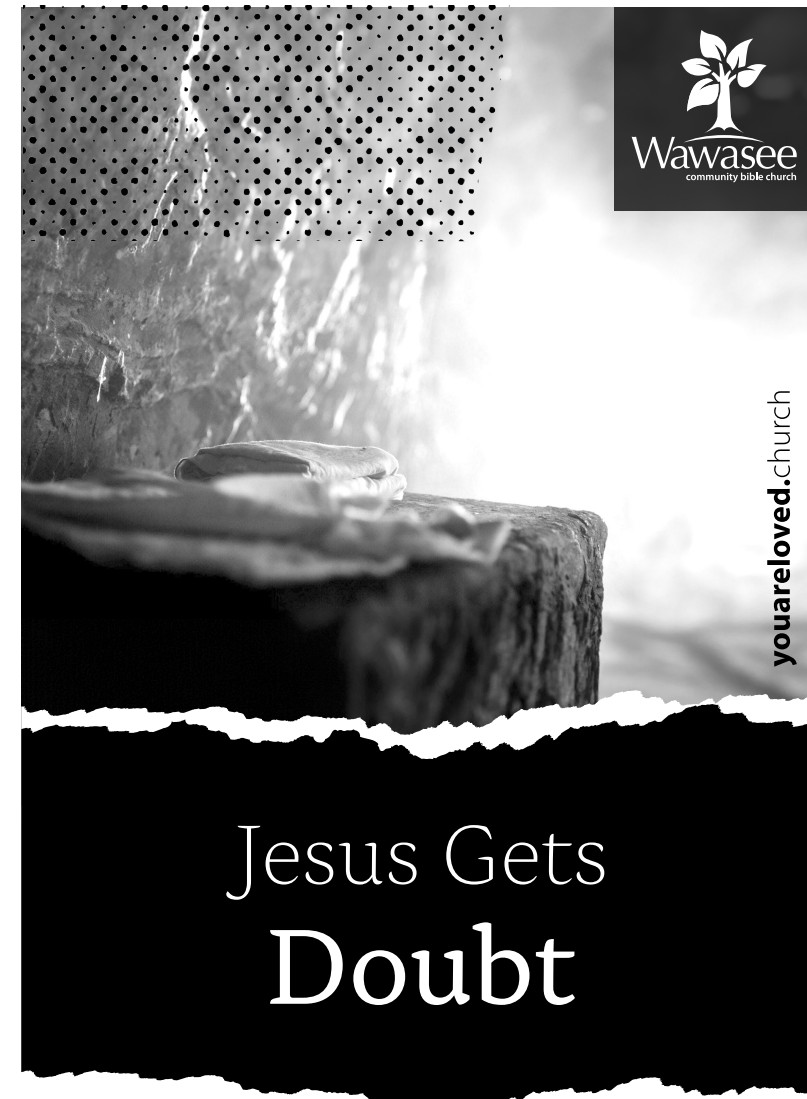
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