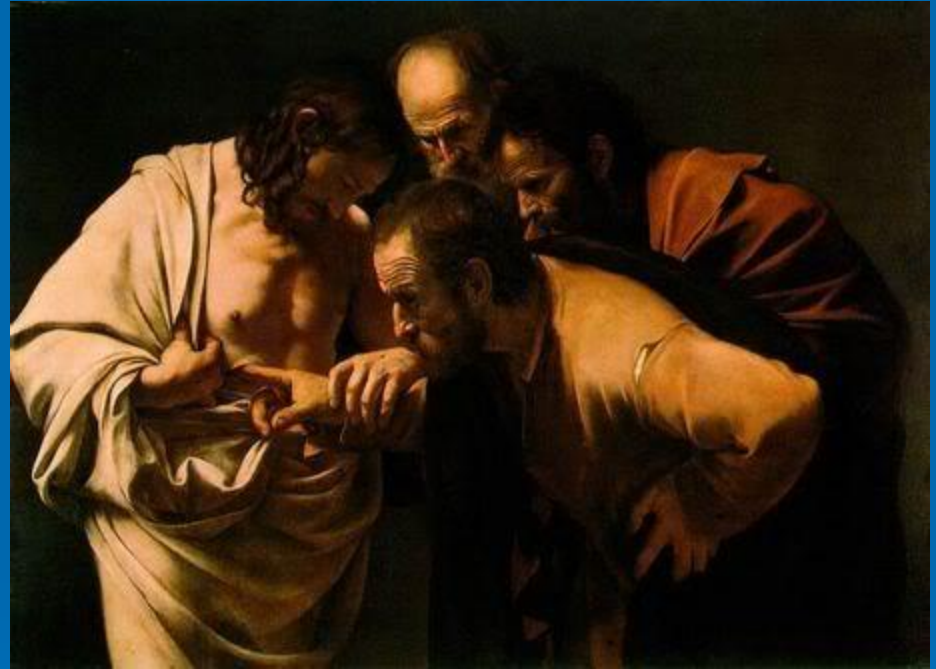


“Do not be
unbelieving,
but
believing”

John 20:27



Common list of doubts...(1)

- Does God truly exist?
- Is Christianity the true religion?
- Is there a “right” denomination?
- Is the Bible the Word of God?
Is it without error in every word?
- Does God listen to my prayers?
- If God is just and loves us, why is there suffering?



Common list of doubts...(2)

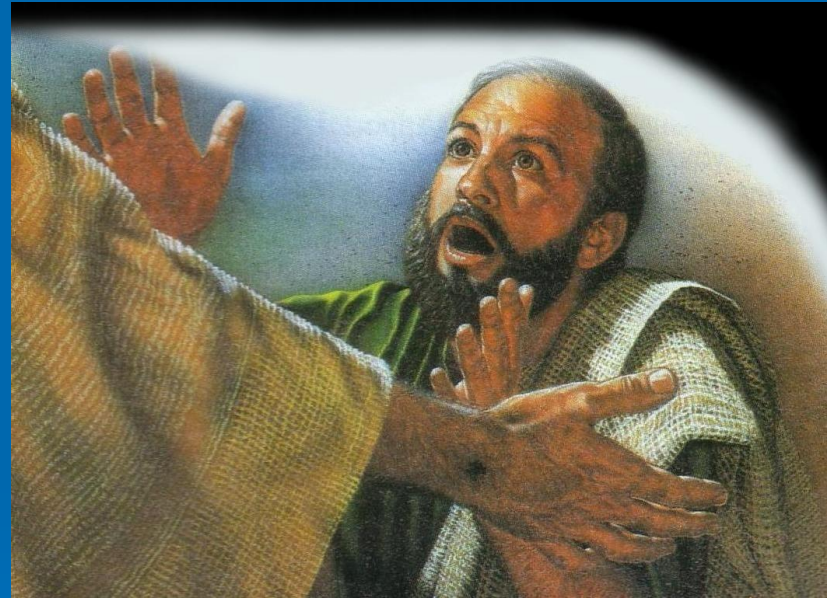
- Will God provide for me and my family tomorrow?
- Are His promises true?
Are they applicable?



How should we handle doubts?⁽¹⁾

1. It is not sinful to talk about doubtful thoughts; St. Thomas did this before: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

John 20:25



How should we handle doubts?(2)

2. Faith does not contradict reason. In discussing a doubt, always ask about the “other options” in answering the question.



3. The probability factor

How should we handle doubts?⁽³⁾

4. Doubts should motivate us to search for an answer. “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me” *John 5:39*
- “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you”
1 Peter 1:10



How should we handle doubts?⁽⁴⁾

5. The role of the personal experience in settling a doubt:
“Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

John 9:25

6. The spiritual discipline is what we ought to rely upon not the emotional reasons



How should we handle doubts?(5)

7. The role of the one, Holy, and Apostolic church in answering questions:
“I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” *1 Timothy 3:15*



How should we handle doubts?⁽⁶⁾

8. We need to be able to live with unanswered questions. This is the substance of our Faith.

