

## ***“WHY – QUESTIONS FOR GOD” Series***

Message #6 of 8

### **“THE PROBLEM OF DOUBTS”**

***God uses difficult times to turn our doubts into faith, peace,  
and forgiveness through the power of the Holy Spirit.***

John 20:1-31

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#### **1. DOUBTING –**

- “While it was still dark.” – v.1
- “Went to the tomb.” – v.1
- “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb.” – v.2
- “Peter & John ran to the tomb.” – v.3, 4
- “The strips of linen were lying there, as well as the burial cloth.” – 6, 7
- “Mary stood outside the tomb crying.” – v.11
- “They have taken my Lord away.” – v.13
- “The disciples were together, with the doors locked, for fear.” – v.19

“The more you are willing to express doubt honestly and humbly, the more you bring up your honest questions, the further you, and the people around you, are going to get.” – Timothy Keller

#### **2. KNOWING –**

- “We don’t know where they have put him!” – v.2
- “They did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.” – v.9
- “I don’t know where they have put him.” – v.14
- “She did not realize it was Jesus.” – v.14

God is bigger than: your past, your pain, your fear, your scars, your hate, your doubt, this world.

#### **3. SEEING –**

- “Mary saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.” – v.1
- “John look in at the strips of linen lying there.” – v.5
- “Peter saw the strips of linen lying there.” – v.6
- “Mary looked into the tomb and saw two angels.” – v.11b-12a
- “Mary saw Jesus standing there.” – v.14
- “I have seen the Lord!” – v.18
- “The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.” – v.20
- “We have seen the Lord!” – v.25
- “Unless I see and feel the nail marks, I won’t believe it.” – v.25
- “Put your finger here; see my hands.” – v.27

#### **4. BELIEVING –**

- “John saw and believed.” – v.8
- “Stop doubting and believe.” – v.27b
- “You believe because you have seen.” – v.29a
- “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” – v.29b

“Often doubts will prevail. What a mercy it is that it is not your hold of Christ that saves you, but His hold of you! What a sweet fact that it is not how you grasp His hand, but His grasp of yours that saves you.” – Charles Spurgeon

#### **5. SENDING –**

- “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” – v.21b
- “Receive the Holy Spirit.” – v.22

“The work of the Holy Spirit in the hour of trial is to preserve you from faith-destroying doubt and to give you the sweet gift of assurance.” – John Piper

- “Forgive.” – v.23
- “Peace be with you!” – v. 19, 21, 26