

Sermon Notes – July 10, 2016
“Reasonable Faith and Doubts”
John 20:24-31
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With respect to the Christian faith, do you have doubts about the reasonableness of its major tenets – that God exists, Jesus is risen, the Bible can be trusted, etc.?

- With most major decisions and commitments: do you make them on the basis of being absolutely certain or that they seem reasonable?

Based on what we know from John 11:14 -16, 14:1-5, and 20:24-29, how would you describe Thomas?

- Put yourself in Thomas’ shoes in John 20. Would you have believed the other 10 disciples’ report that Jesus was risen? Why or why not? (Note that when Thomas personally encounters Jesus he no longer needs to actually touch Jesus’ wounds to believe.)

In verse 29 Jesus declares “blessed” are those who have not seen him risen, yet believe that he is indeed risen from the dead. If an honest seeker were to ask you to make a reasonable case for Jesus being raised from the dead, what would you say?

For a place to start addressing your own and others’ reasonable questions and doubts about Christian faith, check out: <oneminuteapologist.com>.