

The sceptic (John 20:24-29)

Introduction

- What are some things people used to be sceptical about?
- Who is a good example of a sceptic in the Bible?
- What was Thomas like?
- What had happened with Jesus just before our passage starts?

i Cynicism meets hard evidence

- How does Thomas respond when the disciples tell him that they have seen Jesus (v24-25)?
- What does Jesus do in v26-27?
- What three bits of evidence should you take seriously about the resurrection?
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 - ii)
 - iii)
- Why do some people not want to look at the evidence?

ii Conviction breeds strong words

- What does Thomas say in v28?
- Why is this so astonishing?
- Give an example of something God-like which Jesus did.
- Did Jesus see himself as God?
- What is the difference between him and others who have claimed to be God?
- What does this tell us about Jesus?
- Why is this good news?

Conclusion

- Why is v29 special for us?
- How does Thomas challenge us to believe?
- What does John 3:16 say about believing?
- What will you do about this?