

I Have A Friend Who...

#3: Has a Lot of Doubts About Christianity

1 Kings 18:21 *Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions?"*

How To Handle Doubt

1. _____ **with God about your doubts**
Luke 7: 20,28 *"John the Baptist sent us to ask, 'Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?'"*

"I tell you, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John."

John 12:37 *Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.*

Main Cause of Doubt: _____

2. _____ **your doubts**
Luke 7:21-22 *"Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."*

3. _____ **with the faith you already have**
Mark 9: 24 *The father instantly replied, "I do believe, but help me not to doubt!"*

Little _____ **+ big** _____ **= Big** _____

Matthew 17:20 *... if you had faith as small as a mustard seed you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.*

Sites for Doubters

www.rzim.org

www.josh.org

www.Godandscience.org

Degrees of Faith...

a) Wonder if God is big enough to handle their problems Mark 9:24

b) Know God is powerful, but wonder if He'll do what is best for them Mark 1:40-45

c) I know what God can do, and I'll trust Him to do what He has promised Luke 7:1-10

1 Thessalonians 5:21 *Test everything. Hold on to the good.*

John 20:24-29 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin),²⁴ was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

²⁶Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

²⁸"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

Matthew 14 ³⁰Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"