

“The Good Guy with the Bad Rep”

We still think of Thomas as the doubting disciple.

Thomas speaks four times in the New Testament. All four are recorded in the gospel of John.

We are most familiar with one of those times – the time when Thomas said something we think we would never have said!

The first time Thomas speaks.

“But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?”

John 11:8

“Then Thomas said to the rest of the disciples, ‘Let us also go that we may die with him.’”

John 11:16

An extraordinary commitment.

The second time Thomas speaks.

Jesus and the twelve are eating the Passover meal.

John 14:1-4

“Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

John 14:5

Isaiah 55:8-9

God’s ways are not our ways!

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“In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

1 Peter 3:15

We can appreciate Thomas’ humility and honesty.

The third time Thomas speaks.

When Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples on the day of His resurrection, Thomas was not with them.

When Thomas returned and heard the testimony of the disciples, he said,

“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

John 20:25

Thomas would not settle for an inherited faith.

The fourth time Thomas speaks.

John 20:26-27

“My Lord and my God!

John 20:28