

A dark, misty forest with bare trees, serving as a background for the title. The scene is dimly lit with a blue-green tint, creating a somber and eerie atmosphere. The trees are silhouetted against a lighter, hazy background, with some branches reaching out in various directions. The overall composition is vertical, with the trees filling most of the frame.

HAUNTED

Haunted by Doubt

John 20:24-29

What is Doubt?

- Doubt is to be uncertain of, to question the truth of, to lack confidence in or to consider unlikely.
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- **Doubt is the lack of confidence or assurance that God will keep His promises. Faith is an active confidence that God's promises are always true.**
James MacDonald

How Does Doubt Haunt Us?

- Doubt rises in our insecurities
- Doubt leads us to be inactive
- Doubt interrupts our trust in Christ
- Doubt invites the negative into our mind
- Doubt intensifies during difficulties

Issues with Doubt

- Doubt can undermine our faith
- Doubt is based in uncertainty
- Doubt is always unreliable
- Doubt can unbalance our hearts
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- **Having faith does not mean never having doubts or questions: It does mean remaining obedient. John Ortberg**

John 20:24-29

- 24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "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 20:24-29

- 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

John 20:24-29

- 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:24-29

Thomas Deserted Jesus

- Doubt puts us in downward spiral
- The desertion led to a delay
- The delay led to a denial
- The denial led to a demand

Thomas is Given a Specific Demonstration

- Thomas is becoming desperate
- Jesus deals with the issue
- Jesus addresses the doubt

Thomas Gives a Dynamic Declaration

- Thomas makes a new decision
- Thomas has a dynamic transformation
- Thomas declares his faith

How to Handle Doubt

- Admit that you have them
- Allow Christ to move your heart
- Accept the leadership of the Spirit
- Advance with a Dynamic Declaration