

Witnesses

Part 2: Too Good to be True?

Introduction: If Jesus didn't really die, or if He really didn't come back from the dead, the entire Christian message falls apart.

What crises has Thomas had to face? (John 20:24-25)

- Jesus's DEATH. But...why?
- The report that Jesus was somehow ALIVE. But...why?
 - It would require him to TRUST again — a crisis of FAITH.
 - It would require him to renounce DESPAIR — a crisis of HOPE.
 - It would require him to OPEN up to Jesus — a crisis of LOVE.

What did Thomas see and hear? (John 20:26-27, 29)

- Jesus CAME BACK for him— re-engaged his LOVE.
- Jesus showed him something IMPOSSIBLE— re-engaged his HOPE.
- Jesus invited him on a JOURNEY of trust— re-engaged his FAITH.

What is his testimony? (John 20:28, 30-31)

- "Jesus really is who He CLAIMED to be."
- "Jesus LOVES doubters."
- "Jesus can change doubters into BELIEVERS."

Conclusion: Will you accept Thomas's testimony?

Will you lay aside your doubts and come back to Him today?