

Preserved Through  
Doubt



John 20:24-29

What is God's plan for  
preserving us in the  
faith?

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was  
not with them when Jesus came.

John 12:24

It presents the strongest  
evidence in the Gospel of John  
that Christ has been raised.

# JOHN 20:25

<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

# JOHN 20:19

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were **for fear of the Jews...**

# John 1:6-7; 4:39

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, **that all might believe through him.**

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<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him **because of the woman's testimony.**

# 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to **Cephas**, then to **the twelve**. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to **more than five hundred brothers at one time**, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to **James**, then to **all the apostles**. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to **me**.

If the resurrection of  
Jesus was false, it would  
have been falsified in  
the first century!

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."  
John 12:26

It presents the powerful and patient grace of Jesus.

# Psalm 22:1-11

## **Doubt:**

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.

## **Confidence:**

<sup>3</sup> **Yet** you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

# Psalm 22:1-11

## **Doubt:**

<sup>6</sup> **But** I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

<sup>8</sup> “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

## **Confidence:**

<sup>9</sup> **Yet** you are he who took me from the womb;  
you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

<sup>10</sup> On you was I cast from my birth,  
and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

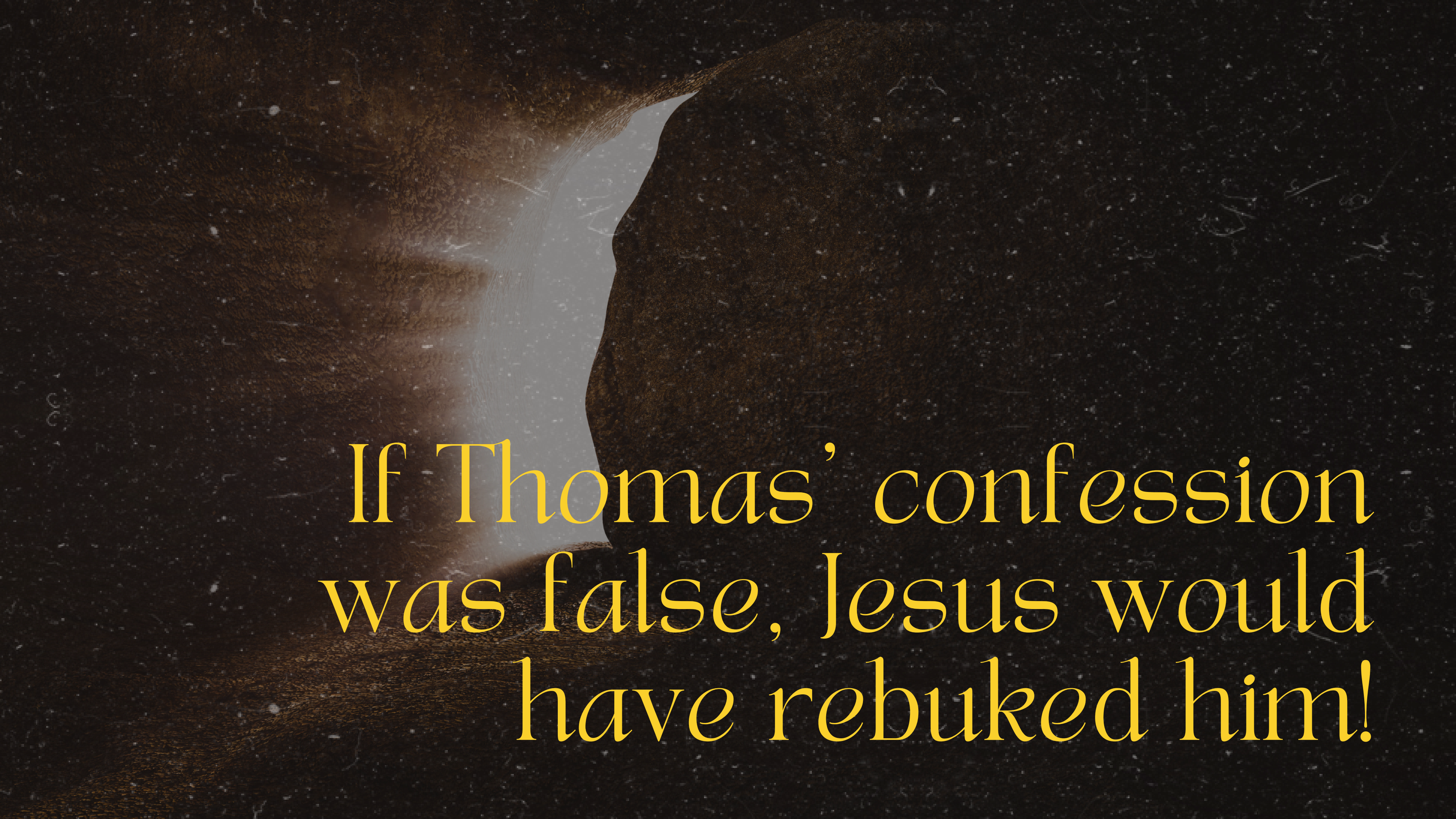
# Psalm 22:1-11

## Concluding Petition:

**<sup>11</sup> Be not far from me,**  
for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”  
John 12:27-28

It presents the most exalted and personal testimony of who Jesus is.



If Thomas' confession  
was false, Jesus would  
have rebuked him!

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."  
John 12:29

It presents the blessing of God upon all who believe without seeing.

# BLESSED

**μακάριος** (markarios): to be a recipient of divine favor.

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

# A DEEPER FAITH

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son... <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1 John 5:9, 11

# A GREATER JOY

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:8-9

# JOHN 20:30-31

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written **so that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# THE ACCOUNT OF THOMAS PRESENTS US WITH:

1. *The strongest evidence that Christ has been raised.*
2. *The powerful and patient grace of Jesus.*
3. *The most exalted and personal testimony of who Jesus is.*
4. *The blessing of God upon us who believe.*