

Help Us See

Jesus' answers to our doubts

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Each of us has an inner lawyer that filters all information we receive.

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as 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!"

²⁶ 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." **John 20:24-25, NIV**

Thomas treated the words of Jesus and the *witness* of the disciples as _____.

Beware of _____.

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."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" **John 20:26-28, NIV**

Truth: Jesus is with me even when I _____ his presence.

Jesus can be trusted as my _____ and my _____?

His _____ body makes this an open and shut case.

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 20:29, NIV**

Jesus points us to his powerful Word through which his attorney (AKA the _____) makes his case.

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:30-31, NIV**

The Bible is God's _____ of being worthy of our trust.

Every day God _____ his case that he can be trusted.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 5:8-11, NIV**

Lord, _____. Give me a sober mind that sees the devil's traps and your grace in my life.

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My next step: Bring all your doubts to Jesus. He responds by giving consistent proof that he is present and dependable to get us through the most difficult events in our lives. Jesus can be trusted!

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.