

Strong Tower Bible Study

Agenda

Lesson: Fall in Love with Jesus

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: Thomas “Didymus”

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Scripture text:

Matthew 10:3 “³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

Mark 3:18 “¹⁸ Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot

Luke 6:15 “¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot,

John 11:16 “¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

14:5 “⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

20:24-29 “²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), 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.”

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!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

21:2 “² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

Acts 1:13 “¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James’s son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

Things to know:

- Thomas /Didymus-The Twin
- Thomas was also known as “Didymus”
- Thomas was one of the twelve known for what seemed to be a “doubters” spirit
- Many may view Thomas as a (Pessimist)
- Thomas was inquisitive
- Thomas wanted to serve Jesus

Discussion Questions:

1. How often do you seek to do what is Right?
2. What are your thoughts about Thomas? Was he a pessimist or afraid?

3. How does Faith grow? What are some tools God may use for His children to grow into “Christlikeness”.
4. How can we witness to a “pessimist, The fearful, or the angry”?
5. Should we take the rejection of our witness of Christ to others personal?

Why or why not?

Challenge of the Week: Refrain from buying anything new (clothes, shoes, food, dollar items, books etc.) and rely on what God has already provided.

Reflection Moment: *Trusting God, the father is a lifelong process that does not come easily while in the flesh. Learning how to consciously depend on Him for everything requires practice, patience, commitment, and obedience. Trust His Process, His Timing and His Will.*

Faith in Action:

- Reach out to a young person and offer words of encouragement and offer to pray for them.
- Go to bed before 10:00pm
- Set an alarm on your phone to pray at a set time and protect that time.
- Write down the lyrics to your favorite gospel song and reflect on what the words mean to you.
- Share Romans 10:10 with a young person.
- Reach out to a loved one and invite them to Worship with you.
- Let go of a situation you can't control.
- Make time to be available to witness to someone about the Love of God and the forgiveness that comes through receiving Christ as Lord and Savior.

Scripture Application:

1 Timothy 4:4-5-How can we remain thankful in all things?

James 1:5-8-How can we live this out? What happens when we doubt?

Isaiah 43:10-How can you explain this scripture in today's time?

Romans 10:10-Share this with someone

Closing Prayer: