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Doubting Jesus is Unbelief
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**Jesus Appears to the Disciples**

*(*[*Luke 24:36-43*](http://biblehub.com/kjv/luke/24.htm#36)*;*[*1 John 1:1-4*](http://biblehub.com/kjv/1_john/1.htm)*)*

[**John 20:19-23**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-19.htm)Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. [**20**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-20.htm)And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. [**21**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-21.htm)Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. [**22**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-22.htm)And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: [**23**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-23.htm)**Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; *and* whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.**

**Luke 24:36-43** And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. [37](http://biblehub.com/luke/24-37.htm)But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. [38](http://biblehub.com/luke/24-38.htm)And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? [39](http://biblehub.com/luke/24-39.htm)Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. [40](http://biblehub.com/luke/24-40.htm)And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet. [41](http://biblehub.com/luke/24-41.htm)And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?[**42**](http://biblehub.com/luke/24-42.htm)**And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.**[**43**](http://biblehub.com/luke/24-43.htm)**And he took *it*, and did eat before them.**

1. **This is an important point to know that Jesus was metaphysically unchanged in regards to being physical or in the ‘flesh’. The gnostics claimed that Jesus was NEVER in the flesh but spirit only which is why he could live holy. Jesus came in the ‘sarx’ yet was without sin. So, flesh is not sinful in the sense of it’s metaphysical characteristics, ie sinful nature. Otherwise, Jesus would have 23 of 46 chromosones would have a sin nature which would make him a sinner which is NOT true.**
2. **However, we also know that there were certain metaphysical changes that did happen. Physical death no longer applied to Jesus’ body. That body could move through physical time, space, objects. It is eternal.**
3. **From this we can know that we will be able to eat and be touched as He was after the resurrection because we will have bodies such as his but they will be new without corruption.**

**Chief Points in Gnosticism:**The following may be regarded as the chief points in the characteristics of the Gnostic systems:

**(1).** A claim on the part of the initiated followers to a special knowledge of the truth, a tendency to regard knowledge as superior to faith, and as the special possession of the more enlightened, for ordinary Christians did not possess this secret and higher doctrine.

**(2)** The essential separation of matter and spirit, the former of these being essentially evil, and the source from which all evil has arisen. This sounds an awful lot like sinful nature of mankind. That sin is in the flesh.

**(3)** An attempt at the solution of the problems of creation and of the origin of evil by the conception of a Demiurge, i.e. a Creator or Artificer of the world as distinct from the Supreme Deity, and also by means of emanations extending between God and the visible universe. It should be observed that this conception merely concealed the difficulties of the problem, and did not solve them.

**(4)** A denial of the true humanity of Christ, a docetic Christology, **(which looked upon the earthly life of Christ and especially on His sufferings on the cross as unreal. That after resurrection He was only spiritual)**

**(5)** The denial of the personality of the Supreme God, and the denial also of the free will of man. Sounds like Calvinism

**(6)** The teaching, on the one hand, of asceticism as the means of attaining to spiritual communion with God, and, on the other hand, of an indifference which led directly to licentiousness**. Acseticism is defined as severe self-discipline and avoidance of all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.**

**(7)** A syncretistic tendency which combined certain more or less misunderstood Christian doctrines, various elements from oriental and Jewish and other sources. **Ecumenicalism on steroids.**

**(8)** The Scriptures of the Old Testament were ascribed to the Demiurge or inferior Creator of the world, who was the God of the Jews, but not the true God. Some of these characteristic ideas are more obvious in one, and some of them in others of the Gnostic systems. **As we see with many in our day, JW’s, Unitarians, Mormons, Muslims, etc that are giving Jesus a lesser place than that of Supreme Deity**. Making Jesus simple a good teacher, prophet, angel etc and not God Himself in the flesh leads to this type error. This is a great divider of men.

**2 Pet 1:16-21** For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **21** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

**Jesus Appears to Thomas**

[**John 20:24**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-24.htm)**-29** But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. [**25**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-25.htm)The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

[**26**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-26.htm)**And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.** [**27**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-27.htm)Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. [**28**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-28.htm)**And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.** [**29**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-29.htm)Jesus saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.**

**Two points here:**

1. **Doubting Thomas responded to Jesus’ prompting to touch Him, with, “My Lord and my God.” Because Jesus did not correct this worship, we can deduct that Jesus is exactly who Thomas proclaimed, Lord & God.**
2. **Believing Jesus when we have seen Him, either physically, his miracles or His teachings is not as blessed as believing Him when we have not seen Him or those things.**

**The title of this message is, “Doubting Jesus is Unbelief”. We know that doubt is not of faith. Without faith no one can please God.**

**>By faith, we are all saved as Abraham.
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**Where do unbelievers or doubters go? John 3:18-29
Joh 3:18-21** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

**The Purpose of John's Book**

[**30**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-30.htm)And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: [**31**](http://biblehub.com/john/20-31.htm)**But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**The book of John was written so that we might believe the signs, and teachings of Jesus. It is also noted that there were many other things which were not included.**

**Joh 21:24-25** This is the disciple [John] which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. 25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.