



## Show Me Proof Study Verse: John 20:24-29

**John 20:24-29** Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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.” 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!” 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.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

**My Thoughts:** Jesus has been beaten, ridiculed, mocked, spat upon, nailed to a cross of condemnation and disgrace, He died, was buried, and has risen from death and the grave, just as prophecy was told. He walked among the people for 40 days after his resurrection. Yet many continue to deny the truth. Thomas being one of the chosen twelve Disciples, one would think Thomas would have not questioned the news of the encounter with Jesus and the other Disciples, but he did. Why? Why did Thomas doubt? Was it because he may have felt jealous and left out because he wasn't present? I don't know, but he did question and dismissed the truth until it could be proven. I look at this through the eyes of the world. As a Christian, each of us most likely have a different encounter testimony when we believed God's word and accepted Jesus. But before the truth was accepted, did you really believe what was being preached or shared by others? This thought brings so much sadness to my Spirit, yet it is true. In a world that screams SHOW ME PROOF because they only believe in tangible things, how do we show the proof Jesus is real.

It's so simple...LIVE JESUS BEFORE THEM., right? It is preached and taught, allowing Jesus to lead our reactions to the world, give His love, understanding and compassion to people, we do not accept the sins of the society, Jesus didn't, yet he loved them. Yes, this is true, listen, I have a Peter personality, I can be kind and compassionate, but I may cut off your ear when put in a position to defend, I'm just saying. I understand the difficulty to show the world proof of Jesus when the world is so closed minded and desensitized to sin. Everything is accepted, choice is free will. Well, our choice to accept faith in the word of God allows His Spirit and the example of Jesus' life while on Earth, gives us proof to live each day. We are not perfect but we make a difference in persistence. Everyday is a challenge for Christian or Non-Christian, the proof is the difference in the way we as a Christian choose to respond, react, and to live each day with persistence and constancy.

God is real, Jesus lives, and the Holy Spirit guides. Allow this truth to be your proof to those you meet.

This is my understanding, these are my thoughts and opinions. I am still learning, growing each day, I know I am not perfect nor arrived sainthood, but I hope you find encouragement to study God's word, to show yourself approved unto God (2 Tim 2:15), always ASK God, allow Him the opportunity to show you HIS Proof.

Until next time, May God bless, Heal, Protect and grow in you daily. Everyone say, AMEN