

A SPECIAL SKEPTIC

John 20:24-29 = Thomas & His Doubts

24 But **Thomas**, one of the twelve, called Didymus, **was not with them when Jesus came.**

1. SEPARATION = “was not with them”

A. MISSING = from the Fellowship of Believers

B. MOTIVATION = Many reasons why he decided not to be there:
Fear, Disappointment, Anger, Conflict, Loss of Interest, etc.

25 So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "**Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.**" **26** After eight days His disciples were again inside, and **Thomas with them.** Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "**Peace be with you.**"

2. SKEPTICISM = We often Mock Thomas and call him **“Doubting Thomas”** because of this but 2 IMPORTANT TRUTHS

A. INITIATIVE = to Return to the Fellowship

B. INDIVIDUALLY = RECEIVE or REJECT JESUS

27 Then **He said to Thomas**, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and **do not be unbelieving, but believing.**" **28** Thomas answered and said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**"

29 Jesus said to him, "**Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.**"

3. SELECTED

A. SEEKS = Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was **lost.**"

B. SAVES = from our sins & eternal separation they bring in Hell

C. SPECIAL = ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed?"

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO DID NOT SEE, AND YET BELIEVED.

THIS IS US = YOU AND ME!!!