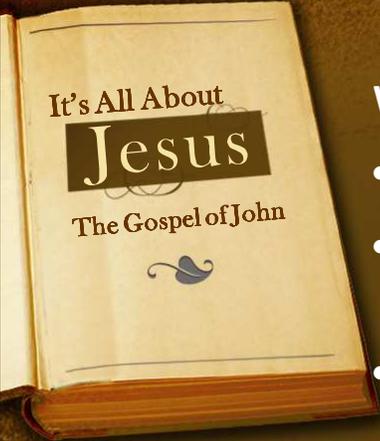


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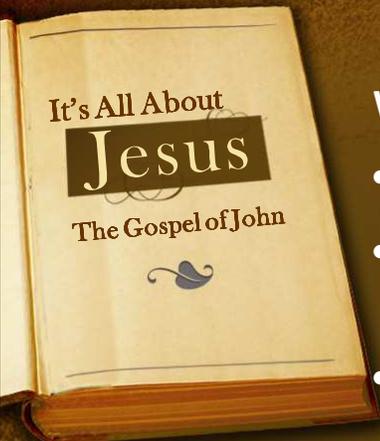
- Sometimes we associate people with what they do.
- “Doubting Thomas.”
- However, does Thomas really deserve that name?
- After a closer examination of the text, we might decide that “Doubting Thomas,” might be better dubbed, “Willing Thomas.”



Thomas

Was Willing To Risk His Life

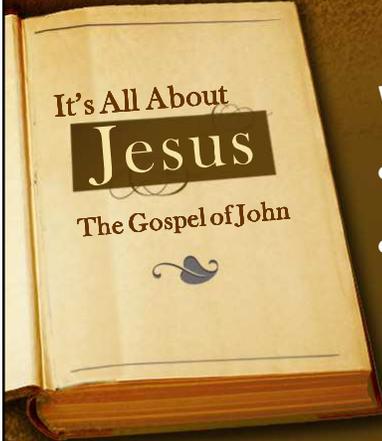
- (John 11:1-16).
- The disciples were reluctant to go with Jesus to Bethany.
- However, it was Thomas who was willing to die for Jesus and who encouraged boldness in the other disciples.



Thomas

Was Willing To Ask Questions

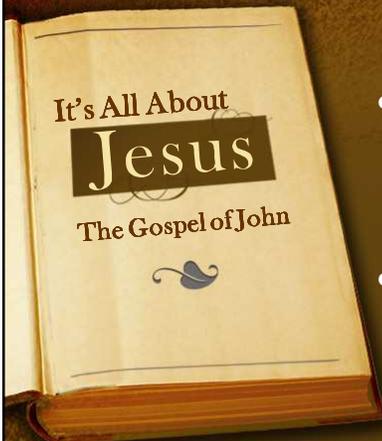
- (John 14:1-6).
- Thomas didn't understand, so he asked an honest question.
- Jesus didn't rebuke or ridicule Thomas for his question.
- Asking Questions is not wrong.



Thomas

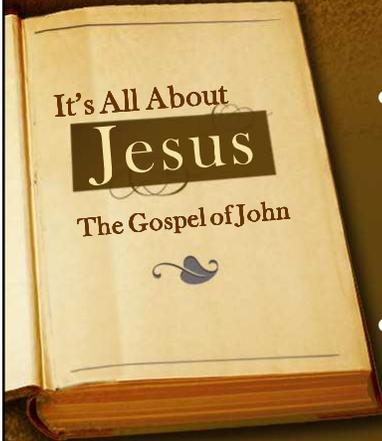
Was Willing To Accept The Truth

- (John 20:24-29).
- Thomas wasn't the only disciple who had to see to believe - (Mark 16:11,14; Luke 24:11).
- However, note Thomas' reaction when presented with the truth.



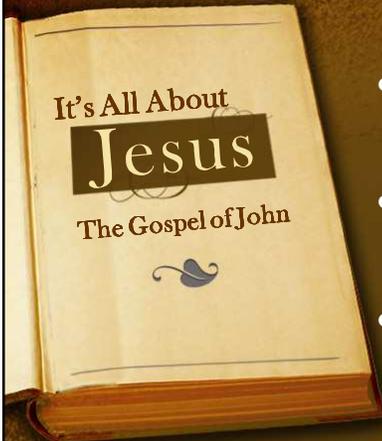
Death of the Apostles

- Matthew - Matthew Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, killed by a sword wound.
- Mark Died in Alexandria , Egypt , after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.
- Luke- was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.



Death of the Apostles

- John – Boiled in a huge basin of boiling oil in Rome, miraculously delivered, then sentenced to Patmos.
- Peter was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross.
- James the son of Zebedee, was beheaded at Jerusalem
- Bartholomew was flayed to death by a whip in Armenia.



Death of the Apostles

- Andrew was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Greece.
- Thomas Was stabbed with a spear in India.
- Jude, Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.
- Matthias was stoned and then beheaded.
- Paul was tortured and then beheaded by Nero at Rome