

Worship in Song

“Thomas’ Song”

(John 20:24-29)

- Introduction:
1. Tonight’s song may be unfamiliar to some of you, but it is worth learning.
 2. This is one of those songs that really grab me emotionally, especially at the end.
 3. The storyline of the song moves from Thomas’s doubts to his acknowledgement of the deity of Jesus.

I. Background to the Apostle, Thomas

- A. (Matthew 10:1-4).
- B. (John 11:16; 20:24; 21:2).
 1. Both Thomas means “twin” in Aramaic and “Didymus” means “twin” in Greek.
 2. Apparently, Thomas had a twin, but his twin is unidentified in Scripture.
- C. He has been infamously dubbed, “Doubting Thomas,” but I believe Scripture affirms he is no different than any of the other apostles.
- D. It is said that Thomas died as a martyr in India, about forty years after the death of Jesus.
 1. “The Acts of Thomas” is a pseudepigraphal work that gives information about Thomas’ death – killed by spears after being arrested in India.
 2. This book is not genuine and does not belong in the Bible.
 - a. It says that Jesus and Thomas were twins.
 - b. It says that Jesus told married people not to have physical intimacy – clearly a gnostic teaching.
 - c. It says that Jesus sold Thomas into slavery to get him to go to India.
 3. However, it may have some elements of truth in the book.
 - a. Gondophares – is mentioned as a king in India.
 - b. In 1834, some coins in Kabul, Afghanistan were found with the name Gondophares on it. These coins date back to the first century.

II. Verse 1 – Thomas’ Doubts

- A. “I fail to see how this could be part of the plan.”
- B. (Isaiah 2 & 11; Acts 1:6-7).
- C. (John 18:36) My kingdom is not of this world.
- D. The disciples were confused by Jesus’ death, even though he told them he would die (Luke 24:13-35).

III. Verse 2 – Thomas’ Doubts Removed

- A. The reasons Thomas doubted were the same reasons all the apostles doubted (Mark 16:11-14), including the women, who often get a “pass” (Mark 16:1; Luke 24:5; John 20:13).
- B. But the reason Thomas doubted when others believed was that he missed what the others experienced (John 20:19-25).
- C. Eight days later, he experiences what the others experienced, and now believes, removing all doubt (John 20:26-29).
- D. “Blazon Cry” – To proclaim loudly and publicly, flaunt, parade.

- Conclusion:
- 1. Just as Thomas moved from doubt to faith, we can do the same today.
 - 2. (John 20:20-31).