

## Seeing Is Believing

Thomas was a carpenter/ builder who had an Engineer's mind. As a thinking man, he sought truth with evidence. Thomas was not present when Jesus first appeared to the disciples. He could not believe the resurrection until he touched Jesus' wounds. Therefore, he was called the doubting Thomas.

Many of us think scientifically like Thomas. However, not all truth and happiness come from logical thinking. When Aristotle was getting married, his friends asked him if he were sure his marriage would be successful. He said, "If so, I will be a happy man. If not I will be a good philosopher."

Thomas stayed in fellowship with the disciples and finally saw Jesus and believed. He established a church in the place known as Iran today. This church, Assyrian Church of the East (Nestorian), became the first church to send missionaries to China in 640 AD through the silk road and was well received by Emperor Tong Tai Chun. A marble stele (Monument) was erected in Xian in 781 AD and can be seen in Xian National Museum today. Thomas eventually went to India and established many churches there.

If you are scientific minded or have doubts in your faith, you don't have to feel guilty or left out. You just have to seek the truth in a more complicated way. That's why Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

No matter what happens in your faith journey, stay with the fellowship. Don't miss out the chance to experience the presence of the Lord. Every Sunday is important. Every fellowship is helpful. Every social is joyful. Feel the presence of God through love and forgiveness not just by scientific evidence.

Let us pray: ***My Lord and my God, help me to see the spiritual truth. Help me to believe the resurrection. Help me to contribute to the great commission. Help me to be faithful to you.***

## 多疑不是多餘

多馬是個木匠及建築師，他有工程師的頭腦、科學家的精神、重理智、講邏輯，凡事要有真憑實據才能相信。當復活的耶穌第一次向門徒顯現時，多馬不在場，所以他揚言非親自摸過耶穌身上的傷痕，不能相信主已復活。此後他便被稱為多疑的多馬。

我們當中也有很多工程師和科學家，但真理與快樂未必能從邏輯思考中尋得。亞里士多德結婚時，他的朋友問他，是否能確信他的婚姻將會是美滿的，他說：「若是，我便會很快樂；若不是，我便會成爲一個哲學家。」

多馬與眾門徒繼續聚會，終於親眼見到耶穌而相信了。他在今日伊朗的地區建立了亞述東正教會。後來這教會派出基督教來中國的第一批傳教士，在公元 640 年得唐太宗的接待，在長安（西安）開始傳教。公元 781 年立下「大秦景教流行中國碑」。此碑如今仍存於西安國立博物館中。多馬更親身到印度傳教，建立了不少教會。可見多馬的多疑不是多餘。

若你也是個多疑人物，不必感到內疚，但你須知，你的信心成長之過程會比較迂迴一點。所以耶穌說：「那沒有看見就信的，有福了。」

無論如何，在你信仰的心路歷程中，不可離開教會，不可失去體驗耶穌臨在的機會。每次崇拜都是重要的，每次團契都是有益的，每次交誼都是喜樂的。請用你的心靈去感受神的大愛與恩典。有些東西真是不能用科學去証明的。

請禱告：我的主我的上帝啊！懇求您幫助我看到屬靈的真理，幫助我相信復活屬實，使我能忠心為主，更能爲大使命做出貢獻。阿們。