

# Thomas: From Doubt to Faith

*John 11.1-16; 14.1-14; 20.24-31*

**“Unless I see, I will not believe” 20.28**

**Jesus calls, transforms, uses all sorts**

**1 Cor 1.26-31**

## 1. By Birth, One Half of a Pair, 11.16

**‘Thomas’ = “twin”**

**a special circumstance of birth  
that shaped his whole life**

**Jesus wants to remove chips  
from our shoulders**

## 2. By temperament, a melancholic

**Basic personality types**

**sanguine: enthusiasts - Peter**

**phlegmatic: orderly - Matthew**

**choleric: decisive - James**

**melancholic: pessimists - Thomas**

- **his pessimistic streak 11.16**  
*“It’s no good; it won’t work”*  
**Jesus works miracles**
- **his perplexed mind 14.5-6**  
*“I don’t get it”*  
**Jesus patiently explains**
- **his persistent scepticism 20.25-27**  
*“I won’t believe”*  
**Jesus gently encourages faith**

### 3. By Transformation,

#### a Gospel messenger, 20.28-29

- **owning Jesus as his God**  
*to be worshipped*
- **owning Jesus as his Lord**  
*to be served 2 Cor 5.17*  
**under new management**
- **owning Jesus as his Saviour**  
*to be shared with all v29*  
**near and far**