

✠ "BECAUSE THOU HAST SEEN ME, THOMAS, THOU HAST BELIEVED: BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HAVE NOT SEEN, AND HAVE BELIEVED!"

"JESUS STRETCHING FORTH HIS HAND TOOK HOLD OF HIM, AND SAID TO HIM: O THOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY DIDST THOU DOUBT?"

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"THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES WENT INTO GALILEE, UNTO THE MOUNTAIN WHERE JESUS HAD APPOINTED THEM. [AND SEEING HIM THEY ADORED. BUT SOME DOUBTED.]"



MOSES DOUBTS GOD ... AND IS PUNISHED

MOSES doubted God in the desert, when he was commanded to strike the rock with his staff to produce a miracle of bringing forth water in the desert—and was punished by dying before entering the Promised Land. "The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: 'Because you have not believed Me, to sanctify Me before the children of Israel, you shall not bring these people into the land, which I will give them.'" (Numbers 20:12)



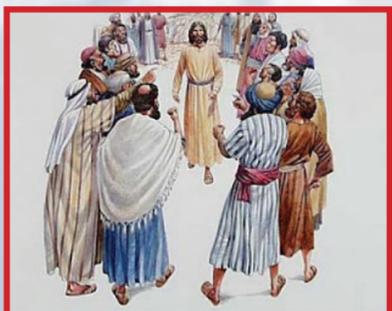
ZACHARY DOUBTS GOD ... AND IS PUNISHED

ZACHARY doubts the Angel Gabriel, when he was told that he and his wife Elizabeth would conceive a child despite her old age. As a result Zachary was punished by being struck dumb until the birth of St. John the Baptist.



PHARISEES & SADDUCEES DOUBT JESUS AND ARE PUNISHED YEARS LATER

"Jesus answered them: I speak to you, and you believe not! ... For if you believe not that I am He, you shall die in your sin" (John 10:25, 8:24). Jerusalem itself, they themselves, and their beloved Temple, would be destroyed in the year 70 A.D.



JESUS' OWN BRETHREN DOUBT HIM

Our Lord's own relatives doubted Him! "For neither did His brethren believe in Him" (John 7:5).

"Jesus answering, saith to them: 'Have the faith of God' " (Mark 11:22) **"He shows Himself to them that have faith in Him"** (Wisdom 1:2). **"I will espouse thee to Me in faith: and thou shalt know that I am the Lord"** (Osee 2:20). **"For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world: and this is the victory which overcometh the world, our faith."** (1 John 5:4). **"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they labour not, neither do they spin. But I say to you, not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these. Now if God clothe in this manner the grass that is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more you, O ye of little faith? (Luke 12:27-28) "Jesus saith to them: 'Why are you fearful, O ye of little faith?' "** (Matthew 8:26). **"And the Apostles said to the Lord: "Increase our faith!" "** (Luke 17:5). **"And immediately the father of the boy crying out, with tears said: 'I do believe, Lord! Help my unbelief!' "** (Mark 9:23). **"And Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Ghost, cried out with a loud voice to Mary: 'Blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoken to thee by the Lord!' "** (Luke 1:41-45).

FAITH & DOUBT



"...Be not unbelieving, but believing!" John 20:27



PETER DOUBTS...AND SINKS

St. Peter doubted and sank beneath the waves. "And Peter said: 'Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come to thee upon the waters!' And He said: 'Come!' And Peter going down out of the boat, walked upon the water to come to Jesus. But seeing the wind strong, he was afraid: and when he began to sink, he cried out, saying: 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus stretching forth His hand took hold of him, and said to him: 'O thou of little faith, why didst thou doubt?'" (Matthew 14:28-31)



APOSTLES DOUBT THEIR SAFETY WHILE JESUS SLEEPS

Jesus is with them in the same boat, but asleep. "And when they were sailing, He slept; and there came down a storm of wind upon the lake, and they were in danger. And they came and awaked Him, saying: 'Master, we perish!' But He arising, rebuked the wind and the rage of the water; and it ceased, and there was a calm. And He said to them: 'Where is your faith?'" (Luke 8:23-25).



THE APOSTLES DOUBT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

They doubted the Resurrection after Jesus had appeared to them. "He said to them: Why are you troubled, and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? But they yet believed not, and wondered" (Luke 24:38-41).



THOMAS DOUBTS AND IS CRITICIZED BY JESUS

"Jesus said to Thomas: 'Be not unbelieving, but believing ... Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed'" (John 20:27-29).

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