



11, 2020

CHURCH OF CHRIST,
850 MINTER AVE.,
SHAFTER, CA 93263

Reminder...**the 3 W's** **Wear** a mask **Watch** your distance **Wash** your hands

Keep our social distancing and wear your mask when moving around. We ask that you do your visiting outside and not stand around inside the building.

Reminder: services will begin at 9:30 a.m. with prayer time at 9:00 a.m. for those who wish to come.

For those that are not able to be out to join us please look up on the website and hear the lesson after Mark loads it. We all understand why some are not able to be out and know that you are loved and missed and looking forward to when we can all be meeting together. But until then have your worship time with some of the many live feeds out on the internet



It's come to our attention that several do not read the weekly bulletin. We need feedback on the importance of having a bulletin weekly or whether a once a month bulletin would be more beneficial. Please call, email or text Sandy or Jan this next week and give your feedback. We need to hear from you.

We will continue to serve Thursday Meals as delivery and pick up for now as we have been doing. A big thank you to those cooking, helping to deliver and making cookies!! It is an enormous job to serve 90-95 people each week, much more than when we were able to have a buffet line. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Those who wish to help with making cookies please do so at your convenience and bring them to the kitchen on a Thursday. We will either use them that day or will freeze to have another week. We appreciate those who are willing to provide the cookies.

Elders meet the first & third Tuesdays If you have questions or comments please put in the box or see one of the Elders.

There are waiver forms on the back table for members to sign to comply with our insurance company concerning COVID concerns and liability. See Mark or the elders if you have questions

WORSHIP TIME

9 AM to 10 AM

Prayer time 10:15 AM

Will not be having Class

Elders

Eddie Fisher 746-6090
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Office Hours have changed

Tuesday & Wednesday
8 am to 1 pm
Thursday 11 am to 4:30 pm
Friday 8 am to 12 pm

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www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Bible on your phone

MySpectrumWiFif8-2G

MySpectrumWiFif8-5G

password: purplelemon096

Jim's Lesson and
Sunday Class Study
Guide on the website

www.shafterchurchofchrist.com

Love God ~ Love Each Other ~ Love the Lost ~ Live in His Light

Pastor's Corner of Light: To Doubt or Not to

Doubt Doubting Thomas: John 20:25

Next week we will be looking at the life and story of Thomas. We do not know much about him. He's not a major Bible character by any means—he's only mentioned eight times in the entire New Testament, and four of those times are just lists of the twelve apostles ([Mt 10:2-4](#), [Mk 3:14-19](#), [Lk 6:13-16](#), and [Acts 1:13-16](#).) And while throughout church history people have been happy to fill in the details of his life, few of those details are reliable.

THOMAS: one of the Twelve; he spent 3 years witnessing Jesus' miracles and teachings. Thomas is the translation of the Aramaic word which means "twin." Thus, we may not even know his real name. Several passages also say he is called "Didymos", which is the Greek word for "twin." His twin is never mentioned. We do not know if he was a fisherman but he is listed in the first part of John 21 as going out with others to fish.

Thomas receives the nickname "Doubting Thomas" because of his response to being told that the other disciples has seen the Lord. He replies to their statement: "Unless I see in His hands the imprints of the nails and put my finger into the place of the nails and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Eight days later the Lord appears to them all, including Thomas, and Jesus tells him to feel those wounds – "and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

During his 3 years of closely following Jesus he saw numerous demonstrations of Jesus' power—including his power to raise people from the dead—and he heard Jesus predict his resurrection, but he still didn't believe Jesus was resurrected until he saw for himself.

Even though Jesus repeatedly revealed his plans to the disciples, **they** never understood the cross and resurrection until after the fact. And as Jewish men, they apostles had no reason to believe the Messiah would rise from the dead. Jesus' resurrection defied everything the apostles understood and believed about the Messiah—and His death—since they were children. It flew in the face of their tradition. And despite everything the apostles saw and heard that proved Jesus was unlike anyone who ever lived, he died, in their eyes, just like everyone else.

So, it's no wonder Thomas—and Jesus' other followers—doubted the resurrection until they saw the evidence for themselves. The followers of Jesus – DO see Jesus and believe. We, likewise, must find our belief in Christ and the Word, with conviction. With study, and steady walking with the Lord, our hearts and faith must eventually become filled with a steadfast conviction of the truth. James, in his first chapter, tells us that if we lack wisdom to ask God who gives generously and without reproach. He then goes on to say though that we must ask without doubting or otherwise we should not expect anything from the Lord. Our faith should develop a solid foundation of knowledge and hope so that during the storms of life we are like the man who built on the rock instead of sand. We need to believe, like in the poem, "Footprints" that Jesus is ever with us and will never desert us. If we are to learn anything from the Apostle Thomas – it is that our questions and doubts must

lead us to a better understanding and to a deeper, richer faith in the words of Jesus and Scripture. Much of this was taken from an article in www.OverviewBible.com

**Heavenly Father, thank
You for Your love that
never gives up on me.
Help me to love You
wholeheartedly.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you need prayer please let the Elders know, or put a note in the box in back of the auditorium. You can call Vivian **Fisher (889-4075)** to start the prayer chain.

*PRAISE

Rose's transportation for the 17 & 19th are taken care of; her son will be taking her. Thank you to those who volunteered to drive.

*NEW

Tank Waldrum had a procedure on Thursday and possibly more surgery; pray for his health

Ed Coleman ~ continuing radiation

Our President and First Lady as they battle COVID

Ed Westbrook as he recovers from his fall

Connie has been having pain in her knee

Ron Nunlist will be having a pacemaker put in and, until then, he is going to isolate at home.

Janese, Nina's daughter, being treated for headaches
Donnie, Mary's son, continues to have issues from the procedure he had back in March.

Brea, Debra's niece, struggling with addiction

Idanell as she struggles with her mobility and Ron as he encourages and helps her.

Christopher in Uganda, the church & his family

Our church family shut-ins

School children, Parent and Teachers

Our air quality and heat

All those fighting the fires and the families affected by the fires

All those who have lost jobs or had hours shortened

Unspoken Prayers

Our Pastors, Elders and Deacons

Our Nation and the World