

***The Cross of Christ: If I were
Thomas
John 20:24-29***

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24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

**28 And Thomas answered and said to Him,
“My Lord and my God!”**

**29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because
you have seen Me, you have believed.
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yet have believed.”**

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- **3. Thomas Was Not The Only Apostle To Have Doubts** (Mark 16:11; Luke 24:10-11, 36-39)
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Acts 1:21-22

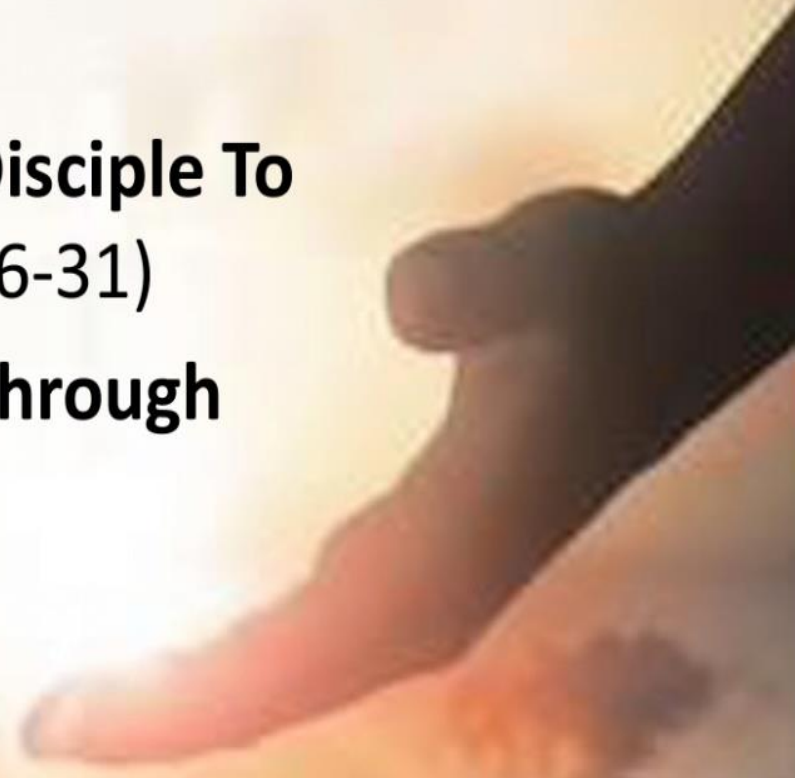
**21 “Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,
22 beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”**

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1 Peter 3:15

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

John 14:1-6

14 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

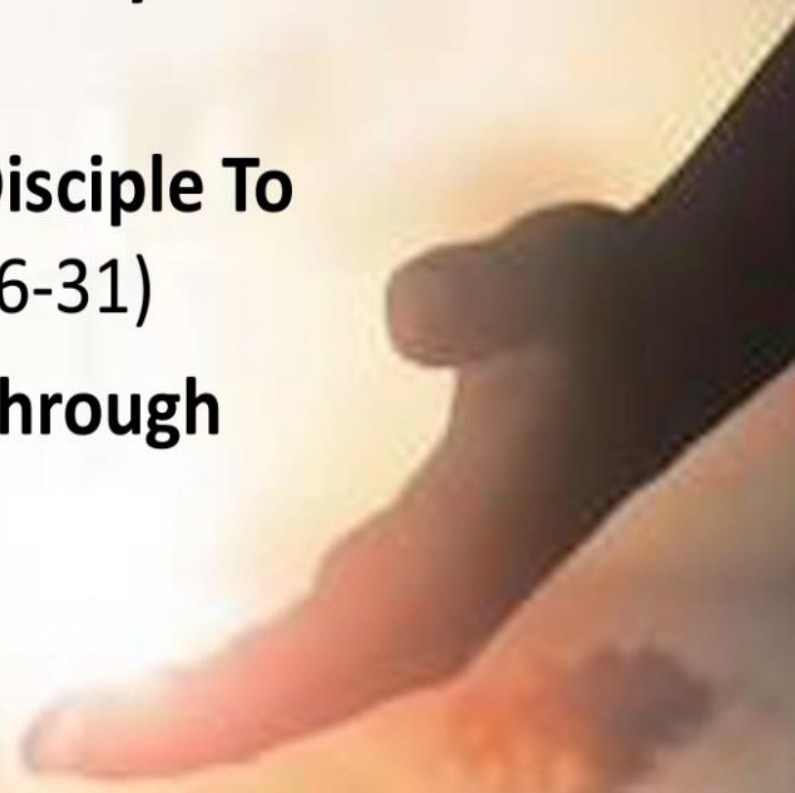
² In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know."

⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

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Will We Be Baptized Today For The Forgiveness Of Sins?

Hear Him (Romans 10:17)

Believe Him (Mark 16:16)

Repent Of Sins Against Him (Acts 2:38)

Confess Him (Acts 8:37)

Be Baptized Into Him (Acts 22:16)

Live For Him (Galatians 2:20)

Will We Be Restored Today If An Erring Christian?

Come Back To Him (Matthew 11:28-30)

Repent (Acts 8:22)

Pray (James 5:16)