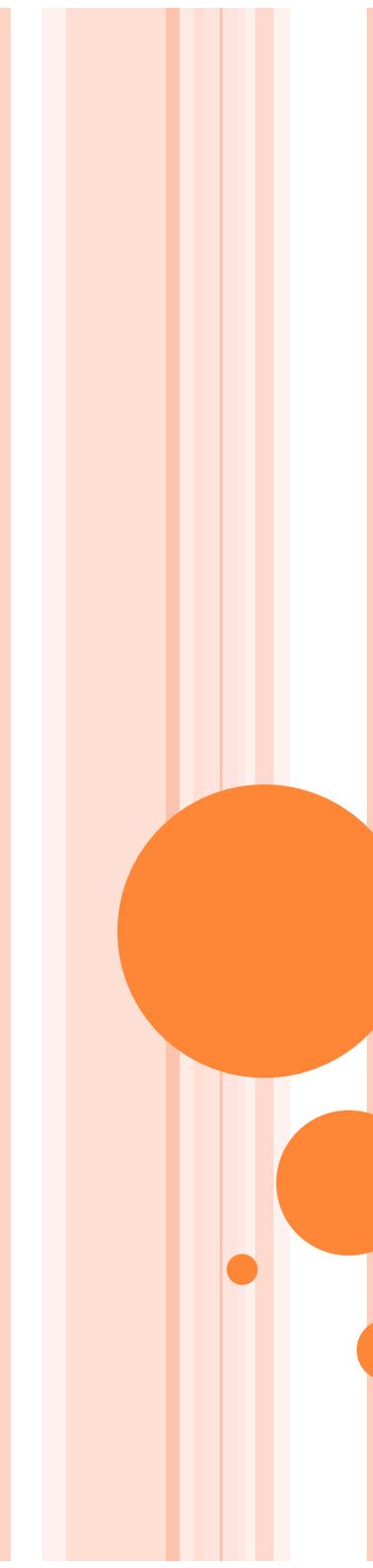


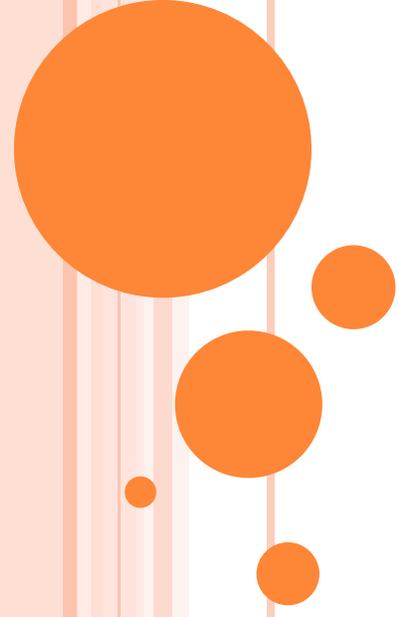
JOHN 20: 24-29

24. Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.
25. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”
26. A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”
27. Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”
28. Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”
29. Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”





Grace-& Truth



John 1:17 (NIV)

For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus
Christ.

Grace-& Truth

The Disciples

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I Don't Believe You

- 1) What's the point in telling you anything when you don't believe me?
 - 2) Well if you don't believe me then that's the last thing I'm going to tell you...
 - 3) Are you calling me a liar?
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Grace-& Truth

Confirming-Grace

- ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side

Challenging-Truth

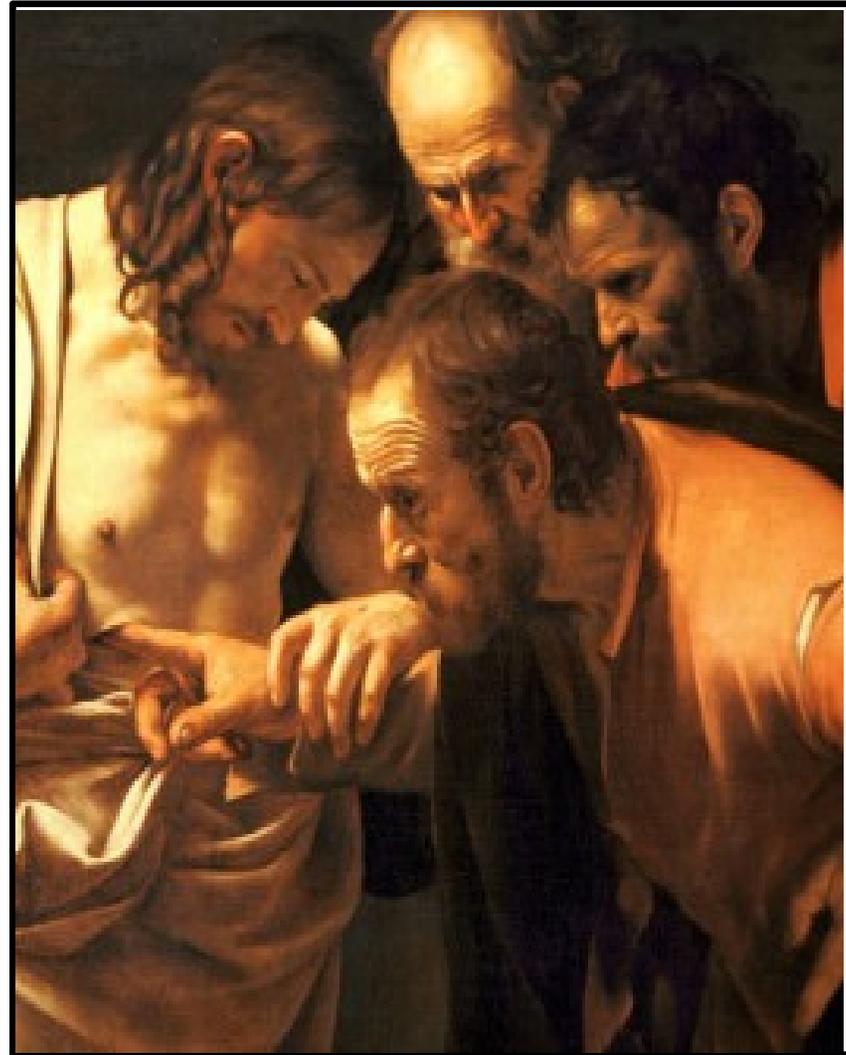
- Stop doubting and believe.” NIV
 - *Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!*” NLT
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If you say there is an elephant in the room, you mean that there is an obvious problem or difficult situation that people do not want to talk about.



Unbelief



Grace-& Truth

Confirming-Grace

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Challenging-Truth

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Grace-& Truth

Confirming- Grace

- Grace & Truth *Go- Together.*
- Grace is always undeserved **whether we're receiving or giving.**

Challenging -Truth

- 1) **When** God give it you are ready.
- 2) **Don't allow** your initial negative response to control you.
- 3) **Excepting-** challenging truth will ultimately set you free.

