

Doubters Welcome

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Charlie Brown: “Lucy, I got straight As. Isn’t that great!”

Lucy: “I don’t believe you, Charlie Brown. Unless you show me your report card, I cannot believe you.”

About Thomas

(1) Nicknamed “Twin”

Thomas who was called Didymus

- ✦ Thomas = Aramaic for “twin”
- ✦ Didymus = Greek for “twin”

About Thomas

(2) Likely a fisherman

John 21:2-3

Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish” ...

About Thomas

(3) Man of courage

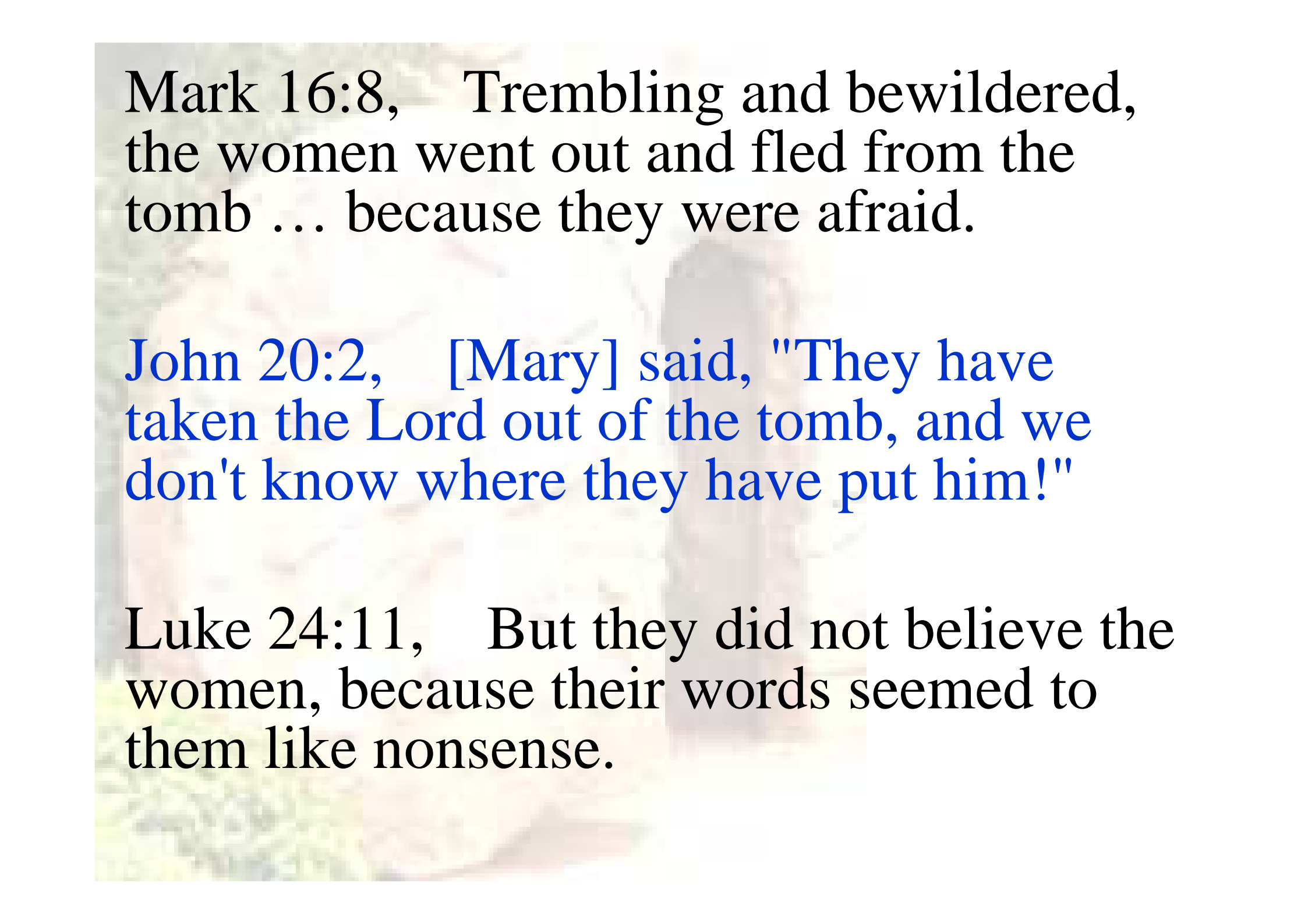
- ✦ “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” (John 11:16)
- ✦ If they kill him, they’ll have to kill me too.

About Thomas

(4) No Easy Answers

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place I am going. (John 14:1-4)

Thomas: “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” (John 14:5)



Mark 16:8, Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb ... because they were afraid.

John 20:2, [Mary] said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Luke 24:11, But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.



Mark 16:11

When they heard that Jesus was alive ...
they did not believe it.

- Alone in his grief
- Two kinds of doubters
- No second-hand faith

Doubters Welcome at the Empty Tomb

John 20:26-27, A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. ... Jesus came and ... 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."

Stop Doubting and Believe

“My Lord and my God” (John 20:28)

