

## What God Can Do with Ordinary You

### Week 4: Thomas and Matthew



#### Matthew 10:2-4

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

**Matthew:** Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ can overcome a dark *past*.

Matthew 10:3, "Matthew the tax collector"

Matthew 9:9, "As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him."

**Thomas:** Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ can overcome our dark *future*.

John 11:1-16, "Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. . . .<sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is sick.' . . .

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.'

<sup>8</sup>"But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?"

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<sup>11</sup>"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

<sup>16</sup>Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'"

John 14:1-6, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 20:24-28, Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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 it."

<sup>26</sup>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!" <sup>27</sup>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."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"