

Christian Faith: Is There Room for Doubt?
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Room For Doubt is a new grant-funded program that provides learning experiences and resources to strengthen the faith of committed Christians, address the questions of those who have doubts about their Christian heritage, and represent the Christian message to those who are skeptical about its claims.

Introduction

- A. Thinking about faith and doubt — A “see saw”?
- B. Thomas (Jn 20)
- C. Don’t doubt
 - 1. Matt 21:21
 - 2. James 1:6
- D. Peter (Matt 14:22-33)

I. Growing Climate of Doubt

- A. Doubt and “churched youth.”
 - 1. Significantly doubted their faith? _____
 - 2. Felt like rejecting their parents’ faith? _____
 - 3. Can’t ask their most pressing life questions? _____
- B. Percent of churched youth “disengaged” by age 30? _____
- C. Church experience and having a “Biblical Worldview.”
 - 1. Learned Bible stories: _____
 - 2. Learned about Bible persons: _____
 - 3. Had a fun or positive experience: _____
 - 4. Those with a “Biblical worldview”: _____
- D. The “Nones”
 - 1. In America? _____
 - 2. 18-29 year olds in America? _____
 - 3. From “religious homes”? _____
 - 4. Religious “de-converts”? _____

II. Another Look at Scripture

- A. John the Baptist (Jn 1:19–34)
- B. Room for Doubt
- C. Matt 11:1–11

¹ The retreat webpage provides access to more complete outlines and links to slides and perhaps audio.

III. Different Kinds of Doubts

A. The _____ of doubts.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

B. The _____ of doubts.

1. _____

2. _____

C. The _____ of doubts.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

IV. You WILL be Tested

A. E.g. Richard Dawkins

B. E.g. Lawrence Krause

C. E.g. Christopher Hitchens

D. E.g. Bart Ehrman

V. Big Questions and Doubts

A. Room for Doubt survey

B. Mark 9:22-24