

SERMON NOTES

April 25 & 26, 2026

Reasonable Doubt: Everybody

1. Universal Truths:

- Everybody has _____
- Believing in Jesus involves _____. **Matthew 28:16-17 | I Corinthians 13:12**
- Being human means navigating _____.
- Everybody has _____.
- Faith and doubt are _____.

2. The Question: Where will I _____ when I have doubts?

3. Reasons We Doubt:

Mark 9:14-21

- _____ of God
- Other people _____
- Doubting is _____

Mark 9:17

4. What do I do with my doubts?

- Take my doubts _____.
- _____ about my doubts.

Mark 9:17

Mark 9: 22-24

5. The Problem: _____ certainty.

Romans 1:17 | Ephesians 2:8 | Hebrews 11:6

6. Faith is _____ in spite of uncertainty.

Mark 9:28-29

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 28:16-17

Reflect: The disciples saw Jesus with their own eyes right after he had been crucified and resurrected. They worshipped him, but some doubted. Why do you think they doubted? How does this passage change your view of "doubt" in general?

Prayer: God of our resurrected Jesus, help me overcome my doubts and lean into faith.

Tuesday

John 20:24-29

Reflect: John and Peter believed Jesus had been resurrected as soon as they saw the empty tomb. (John 20:8) Thomas was adamant in not believing until he had proof. Are you more like John and Peter or Thomas when it comes to faith and doubt? Explain.

Prayer: God of our resurrected Jesus, I will put my faith in you in spite of my unanswered questions and doubts.

Wednesday

Mark 9:14-21

Reflect: Thus far in the story, how do you relate to the dad? What have you been asking God to do for a long time, but so far nothing has apparently happened? How has God's delay impacted your faith?

Prayer: Share with God some of your doubts, then pray, "I believe, Lord, help me overcome my unbelief."

Thursday

Mark 9:14-24

Reflect: The father bravely spoke his doubts out loud. How does this statement from the weekend message resonate with you? How does it challenge you? "Jesus would rather you go to him in doubt than trust your own strength so you can feel certain."

Prayer: Share with God one of your questions, then pray, "I believe God; help me overcome my unbelief."

Friday

Mark 9:14-29

Reflect: Review your message notes. What is your primary takeaway from our first message in this series? What does this story teach us about the paradox of doubt and faith? What does this story teach us about Jesus?

Prayer: Recall a request of God that was not answered the way you asked, then pray, "I believe God; help me overcome my unbelief."

Saturday

Romans 1:17

Reflect: Paul doesn't say the righteous will live by certainty, but by faith. This is challenging because we love certainty. How has the need for certainty hindered your growth as a person and as a follower of Jesus?

Prayer: God and Father of my resurrected Jesus, help me to live by faith, not by certainty.

Sunday

Hebrews 11:1-39

Reflect: Every person mentioned in Hebrews 11 had both doubts and faith at the same time. How do their stories encourage you? Compose your own definition of faith. What does that reality say about what is next for your life? How have faith and doubt recently played a role in your life?

Prayer: Thank you, God, for the gift of worship and your written Word. As I worship and read the scriptures today, increase my faith and trust in you.