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UNCOVER
THE MYSTERY

Part 1:

Dealing with Doubters

John 20:24 – 31; Acts 9:1- 19



I. Thomas and Saul's Problem - Their Paradigms

- A. A "Paradigm" is a framework of what you believe to be **Truth**.
- B. Everyone has a paradigm about **Who** Jesus is!
- C. Thomas was a **Believer** and Saul was an **Unbeliever**.
- D. Both will need **Personal** proof to challenge their paradigm.

II. Christ's Presence - His Personal Proof

- A. Christ **Appeared** to both of these men.
- B. Causing a paradigm **Shift** - causing **Doubt**
- C. Doubt is the **Doorway** to **True** faith!

III. Christ's Promise - His Goal

- A. You can **Know** - you can **Act** like a believer
- B. Doubt leads to a **Crisis** of faith - wrestling with **Truth**

IV. Personal Profession - New Paradigm

- A. Thomas = "my **Lord** and my **God**"
- B. Paul = Gal. 2:20 = "I am **Crucified** with Christ..."

V. The Process of Saving Faith

- A. Confronting their paradigm with **Truth**
- B. Share your personal **Doubts** and **Struggles** with truth
- C. Being the **Personal** presence of Christ
- D. Inviting them to **Experience** truth
 - i. The living **Word** of God - the **Only** real truth
 - ii. Communicating with God through **Prayer**
 - iii. Active **Part** in the "**Body** of Christ" - communion
- E. Guide them into a **Relationship** with Christ through the **Holy Spirit**.