

Sermon Notes August 1, 2021
Matthew Series: 'THE KING IS COMING' #137
"The Doubter and the Despicable" Matthew 10:3

I. THOMAS

A careful look at the Gospel accounts reveals Thomas was a man of great **faith** & **dedication**.

The twelve were still lacking in **faith** - even after witnessing so many miracles.

Thomas was pessimistic about the trip - but the pessimism makes his act all the more **courageous**.

- Thomas was willing to die for Christ because he **totally** believed in Him.
- He would rather face death than face **disloyalty** to Christ.

(Jn.14.5) *"If you know Me,"* Jesus was saying, *"you know the way. And if you are in Me, you are in the way. Your only **concern** is to be with Me, and I will take you wherever I go."*

(Jn.20.24, 26-29)

To the person confirmed in hopelessness, even the idea of **hope** can be an offense.

In one of the greatest **confessions** ever made, Thomas exclaimed, *"My Lord and my God!"*

If Jesus

- is not **God** &
- is not **alive**,
- ✓ the Gospel is a foolish & futile deception - the furthest thing from Good News.

II. MATTHEW

Tax collectors were not **allowed** to enter the Temple.

Matthew seems to have cherished the description as a reminder of:

- his own great **unworthiness** &
- of Christ's **great grace**.

1. Matthew was a man of faith.

- Matthew faced something of the true **cost** of discipleship before any of the other apostles.

2. Matthew was humble.

- Matthew was **eager** & overjoyed for his friends & former associates to meet Jesus.
- His humility may have come from his overwhelming sense of **sinfulness**.

Matthew **quotes** the O.T. more than the other Gospels combined - & quotes from all 3 parts of it.

3. Matthew was a man of compassion.

- Matthew had a loving heart for the **lost**.
- As soon as he was saved his first concern was to
 - ❖ **tell** others of that great news &
 - ❖ **invite** them to share in it.

CONCLUSION:

The genuineness of his love for the Lord is proved in his **concern** for the salvation of his friends.

Love for the Lord means concern for others' salvation