

# Thomas In The Chair.

## *Characters*

Host

Thomas

## *Scene*

A TV chat show.

Host: Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to 'in the chair' the programme in which we take a well known person and make them feel uncomfortable as we ask the questions that we all want answers to! And today I'd like you to put your hands together and give a very warm welcome to a man called Thomas!

Applause. Thomas enters and sits in the chair.

Host: Well welcome Thomas, it's good to have you in the chair this morning.

Tom: (Nervously) I err... thought that this was the Jonathon Ross show? But you don't look much like him!

Host: Jonathon Ross! That light weight! Whatever made you think that. No Thomas I'm Jonathon Cross, sort of a cross between Jeremy Kyle and John Humphries. I suppose you could say 'cross by name and cross by nature!' (Laughs) This is 'in the chair.,' the programme where we ask real questions and get real answers.

tom: But ....

Host: Thomas. Well actually that is not your full name is it

Tom: Well errr..., I have been called Didimus, in the old days. But no one's used that for years.

Host: No Thomas I wasn't thinking of Didimus. but another word that begins with d, do you know what it is?

Tom: Err...

Host: Well let me tell you Thomas. It's Doubting! Doubting Thomas. Thomas the doubting disciple. That's your full name isn't it?

Tom: Yes you're right.

Host: Don't deny it Thomas, we all know.

Tom: Yes you're right.

Host: The truth has been read by millions of people over the past two thousand years so protesting your innocence or making excuses is a waste of time.

Tom: Yes you're right.

Host: So don't try and hide the truth 'Doubting Thomas,' because Jonathon Cross always gets to the truth eventually.

Tom: Yes you're right.

Host: So go on then Doubting Thomas, stop making excuses and spill the beans....(Stops and looks at him) ... Err What did you say?

Tom: I said, yes you're right.

Host: Err... right about what?

Tom: Right about me. I am doubting Thomas.

Host: You mean you're going to confess? You're not going to defend your actions, argue your innocence, put up a fight?

Tom: Well no, why should I. There's no point.

Host: Well err... err... That's not going to make a very good T V programme Thomas. You're supposed to argue and get angry, that's what the public want. Don't you want to defend your reputation, clear your name?

Tom: No Jonathon, there is no point because now it is all alright. Every thing is alright.

Host: But how can it be? You doubted, you wouldn't believe, that's unforgivable!

Tom: Yes you're right Jonathon, I did doubt. When they first told me that Jesus was alive I didn't believe them. How could I believe? Jesus had been everything to me and I saw him die. I saw them do those terrible things to him. I saw him put in the tomb. I knew he was dead. How could I believe he was alive again? I was sad. I was angry. I was confused.

Host: So you let Jesus down.

Tom: Yes.

Host: Your very best friend ever. The great healer and teacher, and you let him down.

Tom: Yes I did.

Host: O stop agreeing with me, you're supposed to argue with me!

Tom: But it's alright Jonathon, it's alright. You see even though I doubted, even though I wouldn't believe, he didn't give up on me. I may have let him down badly, but he didn't walk away from me.

Host: What do you mean Thomas?

Tom: Don't you know?

Host: Well no. I only read the juicy bits. The doubt and all that. I didn't bother reading any more.

Tom: Well you should have done Jonathon, then you'd know why I keep saying that it is alright. You see he did come and show himself to me.

Host: What to you? To you - Doubting Thomas!

Tom: Yes, even to me. And when I saw him, when I saw his wounds, I knew how stupid I had been to doubt. I knew then that everything he had said was true. He wasn't just Jesus the man. but he was my Lord and my God.

Host: So did he tell you off? Did he scold you? Did he wag his finger and give you a piece of his mind?

Tom: No, he just said, stop doubting and believe.

Host: Well that's amazing, amazing. Maybe I ought to get this Jesus on the show. But then It doesn't sound like I'd get much of an argument out of him either!

Tom: Oh no, you wouldn't get an argument. You'd get something much much more important than that, you'd get ...

Host: (cutting quickly in) Well thank you Thomas, thank you. We don't want anyone thinking that there are more important things than a good argument, then they wouldn't watch the show! So thank you doubting Thomas, err... Thomas. Thank you and good night!

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