

## **Just Thinking Apologetics**

This will be the last article dealing with the holy Trinity. This passage in John deals with one of my favorite personalities in the New Testament, the apostle Thomas. Thomas, of course, is known as “doubting Thomas”, but when he encountered the resurrected Christ his life was never the same. According to tradition, Thomas was martyred in India spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

The Trinitarian passage of Thomas is found in John chapter 20. Jesus comes back to visit the disciples and this time Thomas is present. When Jesus appeared He encouraged Thomas to put his fingers in His nail scarred hands. Thomas needed no more proof and exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). Although this is dealing primarily with the deity of Jesus, nevertheless, the second person of the Trinity is confirmed.

Two explanations for this statement have been offered. First, some say, that this should be translated “like a god”, but the Greek is explicit that Thomas was referring to Jesus as God. The second explanation has Thomas out of amazement saying in essence, “My God”, not intending to refer to Jesus as deity. First, Thomas was not just speaking off hand, but was speaking directly to Jesus. Secondly, this would be akin to swearing, which would have been out of character for Thomas, and if he had done so, why do we find no correction by Jesus? Jesus as the second person of the Trinity is clear in this passage and throughout the New Testament.