

## ABSTRACT

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This thesis investigates the enduring legacy of Saint Thomas, the Apostle and its relevance to contemporary Christians in Pakistan, focusing on themes of faith, persecution, and resilience. Employing a qualitative research methodology, the study delves into the challenges faced by Christians in Pakistan and explores how the teachings and example of Saint Thomas can provide guidance and inspiration in navigating these adversities.

Drawing from a diverse range of sources including theological literature, historical accounts, and contemporary studies, the research examines the impact of Saint Thomas' legacy on the religious landscape of Pakistan. Through an analysis of primary and secondary data, it becomes evident that Saint Thomas' steadfast faith, endurance amidst persecution, and unwavering resilience serve as a beacon of hope for Christians facing discrimination and hardship in Pakistan today.

The thesis also explores the socio-political and cultural contexts within which Pakistani Christians operate, shedding light on the various forms of discriminations and challenges they encounter. By highlighting the parallels between the experiences of Saint Thomas and contemporary Pakistani Christians, the study seeks to offer insights into approaches for preserving faith and fostering resilience in the face of adversity. Ultimately, this research contributes to a deeper understanding of the role of faith and resilience in confronting religious persecution, while also honouring the enduring legacy of Saint Thomas the Apostle among Christians in Pakistan.

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