

Hope in the Midst of Doubt

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

John 20:24-29 (NIV)

The other disciples also did not believe in the resurrection at first!

When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

Mark 16:11 (NIV)

Learn the following:

- **Thomas wanted to believe**
- **Thomas was not chastised for doubting**
- **Thomas heard directly from Jesus**
- **Thomas believed Jesus is the Son of God**
- **Thomas became strong in faith because he doubted**

Final thoughts

- "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"