

EASTER

Thomas

Doubt didn't disqualify Thomas—it set the stage for a personal encounter with the risen Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever had a moment where something shifted your faith in a powerful way? If so, what happened?
2. Thomas needed proof that Jesus was truly alive. What are some things about Jesus you wish you had proof of? What do you wish you could ask Jesus directly?

3. Read **John 20:24–25** aloud.

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."

What do you think Thomas was really asking for in that moment—and have you ever asked for something similar from God?

4. Read **John 20:29** aloud.

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

What does it look like to believe without seeing today? How is our faith different that the original eyewitnesses of Jesus's resurrection?

5. Thomas's story reminds us belief doesn't always happen instantly. Is there something (or someone) you've been using as an excuse to stay distant from Jesus? If so, what would it look like to stop letting that hold you back?
6. If Jesus met you in your doubt the way he met Thomas, what might he say to you?