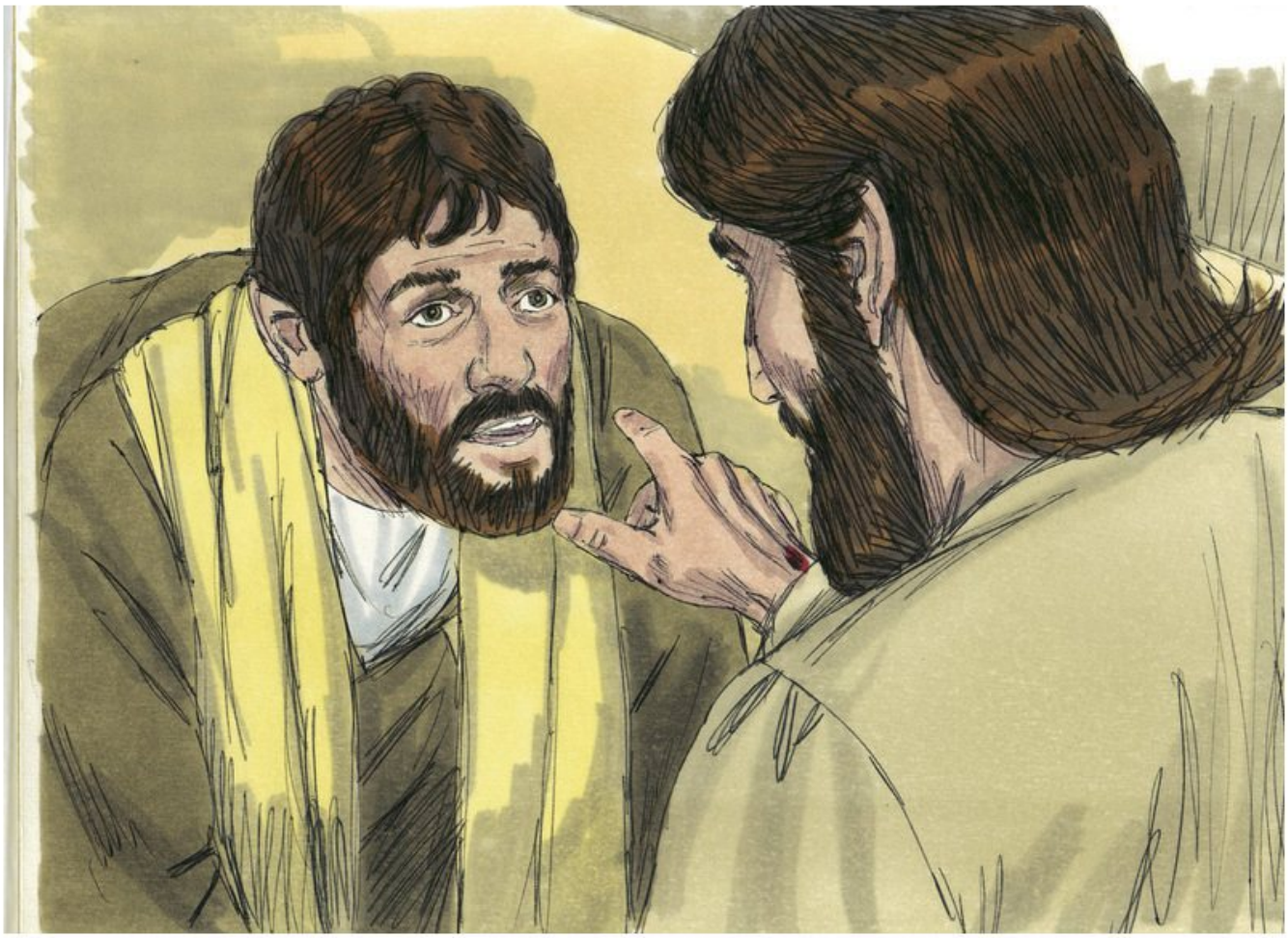
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Thomas Meets the Risen Jesus

John 20:24-29



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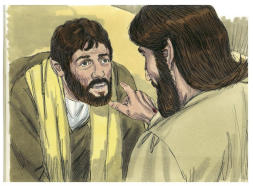
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Thomas Hears an Extraordinary Report

John 20:24-29



Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, was not with the others when Jesus came to them after his resurrection. Later they told him that they had seen the Lord. Thomas had missed that meeting, so he was hearing about something the others said they had experienced directly. The news was astonishing: the teacher who had died was alive and had stood among his own followers again.

Thomas said he would not believe unless he saw the marks in Jesus' hands and could reach toward the marks and his side himself. We can describe his request without giving frightening details about wounds. He wanted to know that the one reported alive was truly the same Jesus who had been crucified. The others' joyful report was not yet enough for him to accept what they were saying.

Eight days later, the disciples were gathered inside again, and Thomas was now with them. The doors were locked. Jesus came and stood among them, greeting them with peace. John does not explain how he entered or give a description of every person's reaction. He directs our attention to Jesus' presence and the words he spoke to the disciple who had not been there at the earlier meeting.

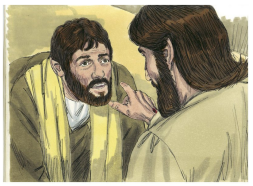
The scene brought Thomas face to face with the person about whom he had been asking. Jesus did not leave him outside the next gathering because he had struggled with the report. He addressed the particular request Thomas had made. The account was moving from words passed between friends toward Thomas's own recognition of the risen Lord, whose presence connected the reality of his death with the reality of his life.

Remember: Questions can be brought honestly as we learn to trust Jesus.

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An Invitation to See and Believe

John 20:24-29



Jesus invited Thomas to bring his finger near and look at his hands, and to reach toward his side. He urged him to move from unbelief to belief. John records the invitation, but he does not say that Thomas actually touched Jesus. A faithful retelling leaves that detail open. What John gives us next is Thomas's spoken answer, which shows that something decisive had changed in his response.

Thomas recognized Jesus as his Lord and his God. The report he had resisted was now answered by the person before him. Jesus said that Thomas had believed because he had seen him. Then he spoke of blessing for those who had not seen and yet believed. His words reached beyond this one disciple's meeting toward people who would hear the witnesses' news without standing in that same room.

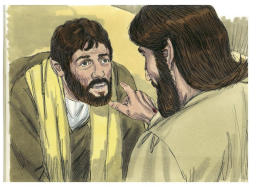
To understand that blessing, remember that the story itself gives testimony. John tells what the followers saw and heard so that later readers can learn about Jesus. Believing without seeing does not mean inventing a different Jesus or pretending the witnesses said nothing. It means receiving their account of the one who died and rose, even though we do not occupy the time and place where Thomas met him.

The scene therefore holds together an honest struggle and a clear recognition. Thomas was not left with only his uncertainty, and his questions did not become his permanent name. Jesus invited him toward trust. The story's final reach is wider than one person's need for sight: people of later generations are also included in the hope of knowing the risen Jesus through the good news shared by his followers.

Pause and think: How can you ask a sincere question while also listening carefully to the answer and the evidence offered?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Questions Can Lead toward Careful Learning



Thomas had not been present when the others saw Jesus. Missing part of a story can make it harder to understand what people are reporting. You can begin by asking for the details you do not know. Who was there? What happened? What words were spoken? Thoughtful questions help you listen carefully instead of pretending that surprise or uncertainty has already disappeared.

Jesus addressed Thomas directly. When someone asks a sincere question, we can answer with patience rather than a nickname that makes them feel small. You can also tell an adult when you need more explanation yourself. Growing in understanding often takes more than one conversation, and a question about faith does not mean you have no place among people learning together.

John does not tell us that Thomas touched Jesus, and that is a useful reminder about reading carefully. We should notice the difference between what a text says and what we imagine an illustration might show. The central detail is clear: Thomas recognized the risen Jesus as Lord and God. Careful reading lets that recognition remain at the heart of the account.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus met Thomas in his uncertainty and invited him toward trust in the risen Lord.

How can you ask a sincere question while also listening carefully to the answer and the evidence offered?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why had Thomas not seen Jesus before?

2. How did Thomas respond when Jesus came?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ Thomas recognizes Jesus as his Lord and God.
- ☐ Jesus comes again and invites Thomas to look.
- ☐ Thomas hears the disciples' news but struggles to believe.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw Thomas and the disciples listening to Jesus in the room.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Questions can be brought honestly as we learn to trust Jesus.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: John 20:27-29

A thoughtful conversation

John records Jesus' invitation to touch but does not say Thomas actually touched him. Avoid branding a child as a doubter; thoughtful questions can be welcomed while explaining the witnesses' testimony.

Activity answers

1. He was absent when Jesus came to the other disciples.
2. He recognized Jesus as his Lord and his God.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, help us ask honest questions and grow in trust as we learn about you. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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