



WEEK SIX

# THOMAS

JOHN SERIES



ENCOUNTERS



JOHN 20:24-29





**John 20:19a NET**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.



# Jesus Appears to the Disciples



## John 20:19b NET

Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you!”



**John 20:19a NET**

“Peace I leave with you; **my peace I give you.** I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”



# Jesus Appears to the Disciples



## John 20:20 NET

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the **disciples rejoiced** when they saw the Lord.



Fear turns to **joy** because  
Jesus is present!







**John 20:24-25 NET**

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “Unless I see the wounds from the nails in his hands, and put my finger into the wounds from the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe it!”



So, what is it about doubt that can make it good or bad? Doubt can quickly get in the way of faith. When doubt is allowed to rule, faith is clogged up. But faith seems to grow out of doubt. Certainty doesn't make room for faith—doubt does. So maybe what I need is flexible doubt that can yield to faith and trust after being awakened.

- **Gary Stanley**, *After the Passion*





# Jesus Appears

to the Disciples

## to Thomas



### John 20:26 NET

Eight days later the disciples were again together in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”



Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts.

- Elisabeth Elliot



# Jesus Appears

to the Disciples  
to Thomas



## John 20:27 NET

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and examine my hands. Extend your hand and put it into my side. **Do not continue in your unbelief, but believe.**”



**Jesus Appears**  
to the Disciples  
to Thomas



**John 20:28 NET**  
Thomas replied to him, “My Lord and my God!”



Unbelief turns to **conviction**  
because Jesus is present!





# John 20:28 NET

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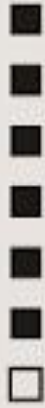




**Transforming  
Faith**



**Content** to accept  
**Commitment** to act



Jesus Appears  
to the Disciples  
to Thomas



John 20:29 NET  
Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? **Blessed are the people who have not seen and yet have believed.**”



Jesus Appears  
to the Disciples  
to Thomas  
to Us



John 20:30-31 NET

Now Jesus performed many other miraculous signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are recorded **so that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing you may have life** in his name.



Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at his word and taking the next step.

- Joni Eareckson Tada



“I spent a long time trying to come to grips with my doubts when, suddenly, I realized I’ve got to come to grips with what I believe. I have since moved from the agony of questions that I still can’t answer to the reality of answers that are inescapable. And it’s a great relief.”

- Tom Skinner