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John 20



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Thomas was one of the 12 disciples. He had not been with the others when Jesus appeared to them.

“We have seen the Lord!” the men told Thomas.

“I will not believe it,” Thomas said. “I must see the nail marks in his hands. I must put my own fingers into those marks. Unless I put my own hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later, the disciples were in a locked room again. Thomas was with them this time.

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

Jesus said to Thomas, “Go ahead. Put your fingers into my hands. Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas fell to his knees and said, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said, “You believe because you have seen. But blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Questions

1. Why did Thomas finally believe that Jesus had come back to life?
2. What were his words to Jesus when he believed?
3. What did Jesus say to Thomas about believers?
4. What does this mean? "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Dear Jesus,

I have never put my fingers into the holes on your crucified hands. But I believe. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior of the World. You are my Lord and my God. Thank you for blessing me with this truth.

Amen

Draw red nail marks into the hands of Jesus. Write on one hand, "My Lord." Write on the other hand, "My God."

