

Series: The Common Twelve
Passage: John 20:24-29
Sunday: April 6, 2025

Focus Disciple: Thomas
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²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

1. Other than this passage, where else do we see Thomas throughout scripture? And what's the significance of his appearance?

2. Thomas was not present with the other disciples when Jesus first entered the Upper Room after the resurrection. What about his personality would explain his desire to be alone? How important is it to allow people space to deal with their feelings when they think that people (or God) have disappointed them?

3. Exactly what conditions did Thomas require of Jesus before he could believe the Resurrection? If you were in that position, what would you say? Would you initially believe?

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4. How has Jesus shown you the same gentleness that He expressed with Thomas?

5. What's the significance of Jesus repeating Thomas' doubts back to him?

6. How has God worked in your life in times of doubt or uncertainty?

7. How do you think Thomas changed after this encounter with Jesus? Have you been transformed by God's presence?