

He's Risen: I'm Changed – Doubting to believing
John 20:19 – 29

(27) Then Jesus said to Thomas, *“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”*

(28) Thomas said to him, *“My Lord and my God.”*

(29) Then Jesus told him, *“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.”*

Four things Thomas missed because he was absent: (verses 19-23)

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How Jesus changes Thomas from a doubter to a shouter!

1. The stubborn love of Jesus
2. The confession of Thomas
3. The lesson of Jesus

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

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Memory Verse: John 20:29

“Because you have seen me, you believe; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Daily Reading:

1. John 20:19-31
2. John 9:1-12
3. John 9:13-41
4. John 3:1-21
5. Hebrews 11:1-12:3

Lesson: Why do you believe?

1. Have you ever stopped and wondered if what you believe is really real? Do you believe what you say you believe? Do you really believe God created the heavens and the earth? Do you really believe there is life after death? Do you believe that God would punish sin, even of a good person? Do you really believe Jesus was the Son of God, sent from above to redeem us from sin and death? Do you really believe He lives and reigns? Do you believe Jesus is true God?
2. According to John 20:31, what is the purpose of the gospel stories?
3. Read the story of the man born blind found in John chapter 9, what was the purpose of the man being born blind and later being healed in this encounter?
4. In our scripture reading this week we read of three different men who encounter Jesus (Thomas, Nicodemus, and the man born blind). What was Jesus' purpose at each encounter? How did the men respond to Him? What has been your personal encounter with Jesus? How have you responded? Has that encounter changed your life the way it should?