

# Companion Bible Study Guide – Sermon Series – “Lessons From the First Easter”

John 20:24-31

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John 20:24-31 (ESV) - “Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.” 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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written 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.”

1. What stands out to you about this passage of scripture?
2. Some people hear the message of Jesus once and believe it. Others are more methodical and research the claims of the Bible before they can believe. Why do you think some people require more evidence compared to others?
3. Thomas is often referred to as “Doubting Thomas” because he said he needed proof to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In verse 26, Jesus appears to Thomas and the disciples. Jesus doesn’t berate Thomas for not having enough faith. Instead, Jesus gives Thomas the proof he needs to believe. Does Jesus need to give everyone proof in order for them to believe? Please explain your answer.
4. Have you ever been discouraged, and your faith started to waiver, but God did something that strengthened and encouraged you so that you were able to get through that difficult season? Please share your experience with the group.
5. What are the blessings of following Christ? What are the burdens of following Christ? Please discuss.