

Show Me the Scars (Thomas)

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²⁴ One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." ²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas. "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" 28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. 29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." John 20:24-29 NLT

1. How do we believe?

- Scripture
- Witness of other believers / tradition
- Reason
- Personal experience

2. Thomas' faith was real and authentic

... "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"

Mark 9:24 NLT

3. You can come to Jesus with your <u>doubts</u> and questions

Next Steps:
☐ Use all 4 ways discussed today to know God's truth
☐ I put the faith I have in Jesus, and ask that God would help me to increase my faith
☐ Commit to read and study God's Word regularly
☐ Read John 20 this week