



Talk it Over

PASTOR LYLE - EASTER SUNDAY - 4/05/26

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 20:24-29 (NAS)

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples were saying to him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."

START TALKING

Pastor Lyle began by talking about a heartbreaking Super Bowl loss. Have you ever experienced a major disappointment in a competition?

START DISCUSSING

THOMAS: HONEST, LOYAL AND WOUNDED

Read John 20:24-29

Pastor Lyle described Thomas as a deeply devoted follower of Jesus, but also someone who often expected the worst. By the time of the crucifixion, Thomas was shattered.

Why do you think Thomas is such a relatable disciple?

WHEN HOPE COLLAPSES

The sermon compared the disciples experience after the crucifixion to a devastating team collapse. Their hopes were crushed, their brotherhood scattered, and they locked themselves away in fear.

What do you think the disciples were feeling between the crucifixion and the resurrection?

How does disappointment affect a person's ability to believe?

Have you ever had a moment where your expectations collapsed and left you confused about what God was doing?

JESUS MEETS THOMAS IN HIS DOUBT

Eight days later, Jesus appeared and addressed Thomas directly, repeating back to him the very words Thomas had spoken.

What stands out to you about the way Jesus dealt with Thomas?

Why is it significant that Jesus met Thomas in grace but also gave him a command: Do not continue in disbelief, but be a believer?"

FAITH AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

A major line in the sermon was this: faith is accepting what you cannot understand on the basis of what you can understand.

Does that definition of faith help you? If so, why?

Why is Christian faith not the same thing as having every question answered?

FROM FEAR TO MISSION

Thomas went from devastated unbelief to worship, and church tradition says he later carried the gospel far away and died for Christ.

How can resurrection hope turn fear into courage?

Where in your life do you need Jesus to replace doubt with hope or hesitation with mission?

ACTION STEPS THIS WEEK

What is an area of doubt, fear or unanswered question you could surrender and respond, "My Lord and My God?"