



LIFEWork for the week of Sunday, April 24, 2022

PRAY/SHARE

A blessed EIGHTH day to you. As you pray about today's study, ask the Holy Spirit to help put you in the place of the disciples, Jesus, and Thomas. What can I learn about myself and how can I be changed?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read again John 20:19-29 to refresh your context. Go over your message notes and discuss with one another any special insights or challenges that were prompted by the message.
2. Discuss the make-up and goal of those assembled on that Easter evening.
3. Thinking over John and the other Gospel accounts, how many different appearances did Jesus make on that Resurrection day?
4. What was the single most important gift that Jesus offered His followers on Easter and the eighth day? Note and discuss the sequence in John 20:19-21. If you were the disciples in that room that Easter night, from a human perspective, what would you expect Jesus to say to you? What did He DO that reiterated the significance of the resurrection?
5. Read again verses 24-25, is "doubting" Thomas an accurate description? Talk that over for a moment and then read carefully Jesus' description of Thomas in verse 27.
6. Here's a good time to discuss those differences. DOUBT - FAITHLESS – REFUSAL TO BELIEVE – SEEKING – UNSURE. Share with one another instances in your own life when you fell into one or more of these categories. What did God the Holy Spirit do in your life to bring you back to FAITHFUL.
7. One theologian writes of Thomas: "Normally this is taken to indicate that Thomas was of a more skeptical turn of mind than the others, and, of course, he may have been. But another possibility should not be overlooked, namely that he was so shocked by the tragedy of the crucifixion that he did not find it easy to think of its consequences as being annulled." What is the difference? How many of us take this position when a miracle is reported within our circles let alone a resurrection.
8. Jesus granted Thomas' request. Discuss this as an act of grace and mercy on the part of Jesus.
9. Jesus commands Thomas: "Don't be faithless any longer. Believe" --- Praise God that the Holy Spirit brings to us the truth with the power to believe it so that Jesus can command us to BELIEVE and all the glory goes to Him.



Thomas

John 20:19-29

April 24, 2022 – Pastor D. R. Hilken

The **TWELVE** days of **CHRISTMAS**

The **EIGHT** days of **EASTER**

(Holy Saturday)

Resurrection morning, afternoon, and evening

On the **EIGHTH** day

Thomas in Scriptures

Thomas the **TWIN** (Didymus)

(Mark 3:18, Luke 6:15, Matthew 10:3, John 11:16)

Thomas the **BRAVE**

- a) John 11:16 – “Let us also go ... we may **DIE** with Him”
- b) John 14:5 – “Lord, we **DON’T KNOW** ...”
- c) John 20:25 – “Unless I see ..., I will not believe.”
- d) John 20:28 – “My **LORD** and my **GOD**”

Thomas the **MISSIONARY**

SEEing is ??????

blepo = to see with the eye, look at (v. 5)

theóreo = to view attentively, survey, behold (v. 6)

horaō = to see with the mind, perceive, know (v. 8, 29)

Jesus’ **TROPHY**