

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Thomas Believed

JOHN 20:19-31

Jesus is alive! On the same night His disciples heard that Jesus was alive, they gathered together in a secret place with the door securely locked. They were afraid of the people who had arrested and put Jesus to death.

Suddenly, Jesus was with them! "Peace be with you," Jesus said. He showed the disciples where His hands and side were hurt when He was on the cross. The disciples were very glad to see Jesus. Jesus explained that He was sending them to tell others. He promised to send the Holy Spirit. He told the disciples to forgive others.

Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, was not with the group. When the other disciples told Thomas what had happened, he did not believe them. Thomas insisted, "If I don't see and feel the marks that the nails made in His hands and side, I will not believe it!"

Eight days later, the disciples were together, and this time Thomas was with them. The door was locked, but that did not stop Jesus from coming and standing with the disciples. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them.

Then Jesus went to Thomas. "Put your finger on My hands and look at them. Put your hand into My side. Believe in Me!"

Thomas realized that it was all true. Jesus was alive! Jesus had died, but He rose again and was standing next to him. Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you have seen Me for yourself. Blessed are those who have not seen and still believe."

Jesus did many other things when He appeared to His disciples after the resurrection. Jesus' disciple, John, wrote this Gospel so that many people may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior, who gives eternal life.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: John 3:16

LIFE POINT: People can believe that Jesus is the Savior.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned people can believe that Jesus is the Savior. When Thomas heard that Jesus was alive, Thomas said he needed to touch Jesus' hands and side. When He appeared to Thomas, Jesus said those who believe but have not seen will be blessed.



LIVE IT OUT

Does your child understand that Jesus is the Savior? The Bible gives us evidence that Jesus died and was resurrected to pay for our sins. Read each of the Gospels for the accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God's salvation is a gift that every person needs and can receive.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: John 3:16

Monday: 1 Timothy 1:15

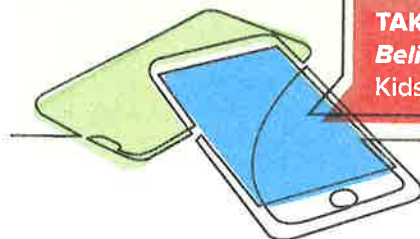
Tuesday: Titus 2:13

Wednesday: 1 Timothy 4:10

Thursday: Ephesians 5:23

Friday: 1 John 4:14

Saturday: Acts 13:23



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Thomas Believed* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

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Hundreds of people saw Jesus alive after He had died on the cross. Look up these verses and match them to the correct eyewitnesses.

UNIT VERSE

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6 (CSB)

John 20:11-16

Luke 24:13-16

John 20:19-21

John 20:26-29

John 21:15-19

Acts 9:1-5

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

Thomas

more than 500 people

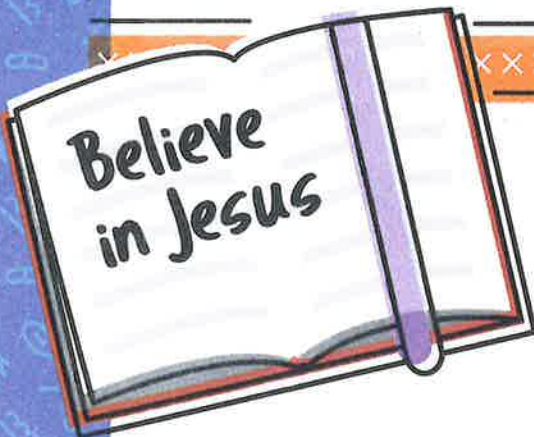
Mary

Saul, also known as Paul

Peter

two men walking on the road

the disciples



Believing in Jesus means placing your trust in Jesus alone for salvation. Read John 3:16 in your Bible. What does it say about believing in Jesus? Write it down.

Thomas was chosen by Jesus as one of His twelve disciples. Thomas is best known for doubting Jesus' resurrection, but there's more to Thomas. Take a look at John 11:1-44 and John 14 and read about some other times Thomas was a part of Jesus' ministry.

