

## OrdinaryFaith

John 20:24-29

*Overview: John 20:24-29*

- ☐ Read John 20:24-29.
- ☐ What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- ☐ What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- ☐ Today we discuss Thomas and whether or not his title “Doubting Thomas” is really fitting.

*Insights:*

- ☐ John is the only Gospel writer to specifically name Thomas outside of a simple list of the Disciples.
- ☐ John describes a Thomas who is courageous and loyal.
- ☐ Christ’s death and burial were very difficult upon Thomas and he went an additional 8 days without knowing the truth.
- ☐ It is significant that Jesus chose to display his wounds to Thomas. He had the power to remove them.

*Explore:*

- ☐ As a group discuss and form an opinion of Thomas from John 11:16, John 14:5, and today’s reading.
- ☐ Discuss Thomas journey from “Let’s die with Him.” to “I won’t believe...” How did he get there?
- ☐ Speculate on Thomas absence from the first meeting, and his 8 additional days with Jesus.
- ☐ Why did Christ choose to display His wounds from the Crucifixion?
- ☐ Why did Jesus stoop to Thomas test?
- ☐ How can Faith settle the question of Life after Death?
- ☐ How can Faith settle the many questions of daily living?
- ☐ Is it more important to pray or to pray for the right things? Discuss the benefits and downfalls of each?
- ☐ Discuss ways that we can express our faith in our normal daily lives.

*Application:*

Discuss Simple Daily Applications

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*Notes:*

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**John 20:24-29 NLT**

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."

**The Fine Art of Living - Believe!**

**John 20:24-29**

*John 20:31*

Faith's Wounds

***Broken Dreams***

*John 11:16*

***Missed Opportunity***

*John 20:24*

***8 Days in the Dark***

*John 20:26*

Christ's Wounds

***Testimony of the Disciples***

*John 20:26, Galatians 6:1-2*

***The Word's of Jesus***

*John 16:16*

***The Revelation of Jesus***

*John 20:27, 1 Peter 2:24, Revelation 5:6*

Believe!

***Rest your Faith***

*Matt 11:28-30, John 14:6*

*Heb 11:6, Mark 9:23*

***Test your Faith***

*James 1:17, 1 Peter 5:7, Phil 4:6*

***Express your Faith!***

*John 20:28*