

Read John 20.19-31

Where we find Jesus appearing to the disciples after his resurrection. They are all there except Thomas, who arrives after this miraculous event. However, when he is told what happened he refuses to believe until he has seen it himself. A week later, Jesus appears again and invites Thomas to touch his hands and side. Jesus says that Thomas believed once he could physically see, but that those who believe without seeing will be equally blessed.

A note on the passage Thomas needs to see the evidence for himself. What makes the story really interesting is that Jesus gives Thomas exactly what he needs. He allows him to touch the scars, to feel where the nails pierced his hands. Jesus knew what Thomas needed and he met him in that need. He showed him the truth. Do you empathise with Thomas? We can't see Jesus in the way Thomas did, but does he still meet us where we are? Have you experienced the presence of Jesus in a way which helped you believe?

SHARE AND PRAY

Thomas is famous for doubting, but sometimes we also have doubts. Share some of your doubts with someone else and spend time praying about them.

As you share, eat some ring doughnuts – if you'd like to – to remind you of the holes in Jesus' hands and the truth of his resurrection.



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Link for on line worship

<https://www.valeofstour.org.uk/virtual-church/live/vosworship>

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1. When Easter to the dark world came,
Fair flowers glowed like scarlet flame:

*Refrain:- At Eastertide, at Eastertide,
O glad was the world at Eastertide.*

2. When Mary in the garden walked,
And with her risen Master talked:

3. When John and Peter in their gloom
Met angels at the empty tomb:

4. When Thomas' heart with grief was black,
Then Jesus like a king came back:

5. And friend to friend in wonder said:
'The Lord is risen from the dead!'

6. This Eastertide with joyful voice
We'll sing: 'The Lord is King! Rejoice!'

*At Eastertide, at Eastertide,
O sing, all the world, for Eastertide*

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As always, Stay safe God Bless

From Revd Josephine to Wesley Congregation.

Revd Josephine would like to set up a “What’s App” for prayer and fellowship. If you would like to join please text her on 07732 103061

Dates

Friday 16th April at Wesley – AGM 10.30am

Thursday 6th May – church will be used as a Polling Station

Sunday 23rd May – 10.30am re-opening for worship