

## To Thomas | John 20:24-31

- 1. John's Gospel emphasises personal encounters with the risen Jesus. Reflecting on your own journey, how have you experienced the risen Christ personally in your own life?
- 2. Thomas is often labelled a doubter, yet he demonstrates honesty, courage, and devotion elsewhere. How do you see yourself in Thomas's story, and what comfort or encouragement does that bring you?
- 3. Thomas sought physical evidence to confirm his faith. Reflect on a time when you've desired tangible proof from God. What did you learn from that experience about faith?
- 4. Thomas initially missed Jesus' appearance and felt left out. Have you ever felt spiritually left behind or missed out on what God seemed to be doing for others? How did that affect your relationship with God, what did you learn in light of this teaching?
- 5. Jesus met Thomas in a locked room, symbolising guardedness or difficulty. Consider a time when you felt guarded or distant spiritually. How did Jesus gently enter your situation, and what impact did His presence have on you?
- 6. Jesus approached Thomas with gentleness, patience, and compassion. How has experiencing or understanding the gentleness of Jesus shaped your relationship with Him, especially during times of doubt or struggle?
- 7. Thomas's heartfelt declaration was "My Lord and my God!" Take a moment to reflect: what words naturally rise within you when you personally encounter Jesus's presence?
- 8. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." How does this blessing speak to you today, especially in moments when you wrestle with uncertainties in your faith?
- 9. The sermon warns against the comparison trap. In what ways has comparing your spiritual journey to others' affected you, and how can embracing your own unique story with Jesus help you grow spiritually?
- 10. Consider the sermon's three closing invitations: embracing the challenge of faith, renewing confidence in your own faith story, and sharing your declaration of faith. Which of these resonates deeply with you right now, and what might God be inviting you to step into next?



What did you discover about God in this passage? What did you discover about people in this passage? How will you commit to obey this passage this week? With whom will you share what you have learned?

