



Thomas Wonders...John 20: 19-31

The door slammed shut! The lock was clicked in place. No one was coming in. No one was going out.

Ten of Jesus' disciples were hiding in a house. One was not there; Thomas was missing.

The disciples were scared. Jesus died on a cross. Would they be killed, too? People knew they were followers of Jesus.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the locked room with them! "Peace be with you," said Jesus. The disciples stared in wonder. Their mouths dropped open. Could it really be Jesus? but then he showed them his hands. They saw the holes where the nails had been driven through.

The disciples shouted in joy, "Jesus! It's really you!"

And then, Jesus breathed on them his Holy Spirit. "Go now. I am sending you out into the world as God sent me. Tell everyone I am alive! Take my Spirit with you. Share the news of God to all who will hear."

Ten disciples that day were ready to tell the Good news of God and Jesus. But one disciple, Thomas, wasn't in the house that day. He didn't see or hear Jesus.

When the disciples saw Thomas again, they shouted, "Jesus is alive! We saw him!"

"What?" wondered Thomas. "I won't believe it until I see Jesus and touch his hands with my finger."

A week later, all of the disciples were together again in the same house... including Thomas. The door was locked.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared to them again!

"Peace be with you," he said.

To Thomas, Jesus said, "Thomas, look at my hands. Touch them. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas believed then. He replied to Jesus, "My Lord and God."

Jesus said, "Thomas, you believe because you can see me. Think of those who believe but have never seen me. I bless those one as well."

Thomas was no longer the Doubting Thomas we sometimes remember him as.

Have we ever seen Jesus like the disciples did? No, we live many years after Jesus. Sometimes it is hard to believe in something we have not ever seen. But we still believe in him and all that he said. We have heard the stories of him and read what the Bible tells us of Jesus. We are the ones Jesus told Thomas about. We are the ones that have never seen Jesus, but still believe.