

Words of Assurance

Scripture Reading — John 20:24-31

“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

John 20:27 —

The disciple Thomas was not with the others when Jesus met with them on Easter Day. As a result, it was hard for him to believe that Jesus was really alive. He insisted that unless he could see the nail marks in Jesus’ hands with his own eyes and touch the wound on Jesus’ side, he simply couldn’t believe.

A week after the resurrection, Thomas got his chance. It’s remarkable how gently Jesus dealt with Thomas’s doubts! Rather than scolding, Jesus entered with a warm greeting: “Peace be with you!” Then he assured Thomas that he was alive by inviting him to do exactly as Thomas said he would need to do in order to believe. “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

When Thomas finally did believe, the words that came out of his mouth formed one of the greatest confessions of faith in the entire Bible. He said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

Just as Jesus understood Thomas’s doubts, he understands our questions as well. But rather than admonishing us, he invites us to rediscover him in ways that reassure us. When we turn to him, he gives us exactly what we need in order to have our faith reconfirmed.

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for not turning away from me when I find myself facing doubts, uncertainties, and fears. Please give me what I need today in order to fully believe! Amen.

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