

# G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel according to John, 20:19-29

On Sunday evening (the same day the women had been to the tomb of Jesus), the disciples were gathered in a room upstairs. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus.

Then Jesus came and stood in the room and said, 'Peace be with you!'

Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. Jesus said again, 'Peace be with you. As God has sent me to you, now I am sending you to others.'

Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Now one of the apostles, Thomas, was not there when Jesus came. So, later, the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But Thomas said, 'I'll never believe it until I see the marks made by the nails in his hands and touch the wound in his side.'

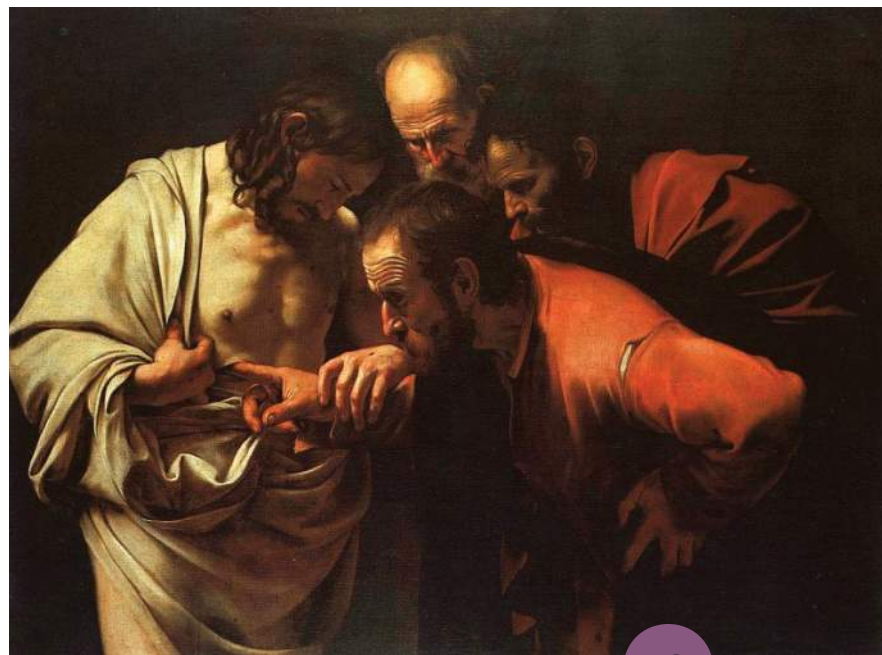
One week later, the disciples were in the same room again. This time, Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Stop doubting, and believe.'

Thomas said to Jesus, 'My Lord and my God!'

Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'You believe because you see me. How blessed are people who have not seen me and still believe!'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



*We often say 'Peace be with you' as part of Mass.*



*How would you react? Do you need proof for God?*

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# CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT

# HE IS RISEN!

Easter is here! Connect the dots to find Jesus.

Today's Gospel talks about 'Doubting Thomas', the famous story about the disciple who won't believe until he's touched the marks on Jesus.

It's a good story because it's a great example for all of us. Imagine Thomas, a disciple, who for so long was walking and talking with Jesus. And yet, still even he needs proof to believe that Jesus has risen!

We always need to believe in God. We also need to believe in ourselves, by trusting in the Lord.

