

## Jesus & Doubting Thomas

John 20:19-31

He's alive...no doubt! Believing the unseen

Hi!

Today we are going to talk about trust, and how we can know that something is true...what if I told you that I have climbed Mount Everest? Would you believe that?

Why or why not?

What if I told you I had had lunch with Katy Perry? Would you believe that?

What if I told you I had brushed my teeth this morning? That might be a little more believable, but you still didn't watch me do it, so you would have to take my word for it.

Well, in our bible passage today, someone had a hard time believing what others tried to tell him. The story of Jesus appearing to his disciples after Easter is so exciting. Imagine watching Him die, and feeling so upset, and then seeing Him alive again!

But one disciple missed out. Do you know what his name was?

He wasn't there in the room when Jesus came, and didn't see him personally. He did not believe what his friends told him about witnessing Jesus, and promised that he wouldn't believe it until he saw Jesus face to face.

When Jesus did show up later, and showed His wounds, Thomas must have felt embarrassed. But the neat thing is that Jesus said "blessed are those who have not seen, and yet still believe."

He thinks that people who believed in Him without witnessing face to face are amazing. Do you know who that is? That's us! We haven't physically seen Jesus, but we can still believe in Him.

How? How do we know about Jesus?

We might hear about Jesus from other people, and that is great. But we have the word of GOD, the bible which is the most important.



We have the stories of the Bible, and we know what God's word says is true. In order to trust someone or something, we have to know that it is trustworthy. God has most definitely proved Himself trustworthy. He does what He says He'll do. His promises are real and are true.

The Bible gives us great hope. We can't see God necessarily, but we see His evidence and know He gives us life. The Bible is God's word, given to us so that we can know and believe!

**Prayer:** Offer thanks that we can trust God, and ask for help in doing so:

Dear God,

Thank you for saving us

Thank you for your love

Help us to believe

Even in what we cannot see.

Thank you for Jesus!

In His name, amen.