



April 12 – Resurrection Faith! – Thomas

After the resurrection, the disciple Thomas is often called out for his “unbelief”. What if Jesus wasn’t doing that at all, but introducing a new way of understanding faith – for Thomas, the disciples and for us? Join us this weekend as we take a look at the possibilities with resurrection faith!

Scripture:

I Peter 1:3-8

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ⁴ and we have a priceless inheritance— an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. ⁵ And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. ⁶ So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. ⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. ⁸ You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy

John 20:24-29

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.” ²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” ²⁸ “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed. ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

Questions:

- What are some of the things which make you question your faith and/or God at times? What do you wrestle with when it comes to God?
- What happens to your faith when life doesn’t go as planned?
- Can you struggle in this life without wondering why “God is punishing you?” or blaming God for things that go wrong? If you can/could – how might this change the way you view your faith?

Reading for the Week:

Monday: James 1:5-8

Tuesday: Matthew 21:21-22

Wednesday: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Thursday: Psalm 46:10

Friday: Mark 11:22-24