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# What did Jesus do?

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- (20) After he said this, **he showed them his hands and side.** The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.
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- (26) **A week later** his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, **Jesus came and stood among them** and said, "Peace be with you!"
- (27) **Then he said to Thomas,** "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. **Stop doubting and believe."**
- (28) Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
- (29) Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

# The Shepherd showed up for Thomas

Luk 15:4-5

- (4) "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. **Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?**
- (5) And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders

Heb 13:20

- (20) Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead **our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,**



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- (36) While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
  - (37) They were **startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.**
  - (38) He said to them, "**Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?**
  - (39) Look at my hands and my feet. **It is I myself! Touch me and see;** a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."
  - (40) When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.
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# We the Disciples

Rom 15:1

- (1) We who are strong ought to **bear with the failings of the weak** and not to please ourselves.

Rom 14:1

- (1) **Accept the one whose faith is weak,** without quarreling over disputable matters.

Gal 6:2

- (2) **Carry each other's burdens,** and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Rom 15:7

- (7) Accept one another, then, **just as Christ accepted you,** in order to bring praise to God.

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- (7) Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were **encouraged about you because of your faith.**
- (8) For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord.
- (9) How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?
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Thomas stayed in the fold

Php 3:15-16

- (15) All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And **if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.**
- (16) Only let us **live up to what we have already attained.**

Heb 2:16-17

- (16) For **surely** it is not angels **he helps**, but Abraham's descendants.
- (17) For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that **he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God**, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.



# What doubt?

Joh 20:31

- (31) But these are written **that you may believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Not looking for an excuse to avoid obedience.

2Th 2:10-11

- (10) and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because **they refused to love the truth** and so be saved.
- (11) For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion **so that they will believe the lie**

# Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed

1Co 13:9-10

- (9) For **we know in part** and we prophesy in part,
- (10) but **when completeness comes**, what is in part disappears.

Heb 2:3-4

- (3) how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which
- was **first announced by the Lord**,
- was **confirmed to us by those who heard him**.
- (4) **God also testified to it by signs**, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Joh 4:39

- (39) Many of the Samaritans from that town **believed in him because of the woman's testimony**, "He told me everything I ever did."

Joh 4:42

- (42) They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; **now we have heard for ourselves, and we know** that this man really is the Savior of the world."

# Thomas, The Eleven and the Great Shepherd

- “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
- Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
- Live up to what we have already attained.
- God will make (things) clear to you.

Heb 4:15-16

- (15) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
- (16) Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.