

### **Gospel, John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.  
The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.  
Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.  
So, the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."  
But he said to them,  
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands  
and put my finger into the nail marks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside  
and Thomas was with them.  
Jesus came, although the doors were locked,  
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."  
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving but believe."  
Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples  
that are not written in this book.  
But these are written that you may come to believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,  
and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

**Gospel, Luke 24:35-48**

Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized him at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when he himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!'

In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost.

But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts stirring in your hearts?'

See by my hands and my feet that it is I myself. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see, I have.'

And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, as they were dumbfounded; so, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'

And they offered him a piece of grilled fish,

which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, was destined to be fulfilled.'

He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

and he said to them, 'So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses to this.

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**Reflection: Faith sharing questions:**

How come YOU believe?

What around you is tangible, uses your senses, that you use to strengthen your belief, your faith?

What isn't?

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