

Tell the Next Generation



Story #101: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

Scripture:

John 20:24-29

What does this say about God and man?

- Faith pleases God
v. 29
- God blesses those who believe in Jesus
"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"
- You do not have to physically see or touch Jesus before you can believe in Him
- Jesus desires us to believe in Him without doubting
- Jesus knows everything
He knew what Thomas said, v. 25, though He was not there

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES: Below are questions and responses to help you and your child interact with the Scripture passage, and to solicit a personal response from both of you to the truths of the Bible story. Please allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to further questions and responses.

- * If a friend of yours told you that he had a dog that was bigger than our table, would you believe him? Would you think he was joking? What if you went to your friend's house and you **saw** the dog—and it really was bigger than the table! You would have to believe in that dog when you could see it and touch it!
- * Thomas did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw Him and touched Him. Then he couldn't doubt any longer!
- * But, have you seen Jesus? Can you touch Him with your hand like you can touch a dog, or a baby?
- * Remember the "blindness" we talked about last week? Some people can see and touch Jesus—and still not believe He is God. But if the Holy Spirit has removed your and my blindness, we can "see" Jesus with our spirits, and believe in Him, even when we cannot see Him with our eyes or touch Him with our hands.