

Read John 20: 19 - 31

Discussion questions

1. How do you feel about Thomas? Is it fair to call him 'doubting Thomas'?
2. "Doubt and faith are two halves of the same hinge, neither is defined without the other." Discuss what this might mean. Can you accept that doubt and faith are both staging posts on the journey towards truth?
3. What does doubt tell us about faith? What does faith tell us about doubt?
4. If you feel comfortable in doing so, share what you believe and what you doubt when it comes to Christian faith.
5. Try to find an aspect of Christian faith that some of you share doubts about. Can you refine it into a statement that you **can** believe? (By the way, this is the essential work of theology.)
6. Thomas called Jesus 'My Lord and My God.' One can't imagine more complete words of devotion. Who (or what) can inspire such devotion in you? (If your answer is simply 'God' or 'Jesus', try to say which version of God, or what it is about Jesus that moves you so completely.)