

Jesus Comes to His Friends

Bible Lesson: Luke 24:36-49 John 20:19-29

It was the evening of Resurrection Day. All of the disciples except Thomas were together in a room. The door was locked because the disciples were afraid.

Suddenly, Jesus was standing in the room with the disciples. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Jesus showed the disciples the imprint of the nails in His hands and where the spear had pierced His side. All of the disciples except Thomas were there and saw Jesus. Now the disciples believed Jesus was alive. They were not afraid anymore. They believed Jesus and were very happy. Jesus was stronger than death and the grave. Suddenly Jesus disappeared.

Later, the disciples said to Thomas, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas would not believe them. Thomas said, "Unless I shall see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, the disciples were together again. Thomas was there too. Suddenly, Jesus was standing in the room. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Jesus said to Thomas, "See and touch My hands and side. Do not doubt; only believe." Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." Now Thomas also believed Jesus was alive.

Whenever you are afraid, Jesus tells you "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me." Jesus is telling you that He is greater than anything that makes you afraid. He will give you peace. Even though you cannot see or touch Jesus, remember that He is alive. Jesus is always with you.