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- b) That he was not about to risk believing in Jesus again.
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Appearing to Thomas BETWEEN THE LINES

Take some time to read the story of Jesus appearing to Thomas in John 20:24-31. Try reading it aloud. If you need an audience, ask a family member to listen.

Who was Thomas, and what news had he just heard?

What did Thomas say it would take for him to believe what the other

disciples said?

When Jesus came, what unusual way did He enter the room?

He immediately went to Thomas, knowing what was in his heart. What did He

say to Thomas?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Think for a minute about what the disciples had experienced. They watched Jesus die. They mourned Him. They were devastated, discouraged, and confused. Then He was not in the tomb! He appeared to them! What might Thomas have been feeling?

a) That the other disciples were crazy.

b) That he was not about to risk believing in Jesus again.

c) That he did not want to be foolish.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

Which word do you think best describes Jesus' attitude when He

answered Thomas?

a) Patient

b) Irritated

c) Harsh

d) Loving

Look at Thomas' response. Which phrase best describes his belief after

seeing Jesus?

a) There was no doubt!

b) He needed to think about it for a while.

c) His faith was stronger than ever.

d) He would never believe again.

Read Hebrews 11:1. What is faith, according to this verse?

How would you describe your own faith?

a) I am full of doubt.

b) He needed to think about it for a while.

c) His faith was stronger than ever.

d) He would never believe again.

When have you had doubts about Jesus, and what are/were they?

What helps you when you doubt?

a) Reading the Bible.

c) Talking with other believers.

d) Just ignoring your doubts.

How do our doubts keep us from recognizing Jesus' presence?

When has Jesus removed your doubts by letting you "see Him"?

The rest of the story:

Match each reference below with what it teaches about faith.

John 6:29

Luke 17:6

John 12:11

Ephesians 2:8

Faith is a gift.

Faith must be in Christ alone.

Even a little faith can result in miracles.

For many, seeing miracles helps belief.

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