

No Doubts



I do not consider myself to be a particularly superstitious person ... although an atheist friend of mine at university once told me that all Catholics were superstitious by their very nature and belief. If you asked me to believe [accept] that walking under a ladder will somehow causally bring me bad luck or that I (and the other half a billion Librans in the world!) are all going to have a bad day on the 30th of this month because it was written in the stars, then I would struggle with this one.

And yet in the scripture passage this week, Thomas is required to believe the unbelievable. The resurrection of Christ would have defied his experience of the world. This miraculous event brings forth the sentiment of 'I'll believe when I see it' from Thomas. And so, Jesus' words of 'Those who believe without seeing me will be truly happy' brings us the reassurance that, in today's world, our faith and belief in the resurrected Christ is a wonderful thing. If Thomas struggled with it 2000 years ago, then we can take stock from the fact human doubt is only natural.

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Scripture:

Thomas (called Didymus) was not with the followers when Jesus came. Thomas was 1 of the 12. The other followers told Thomas, “We saw the Lord.”

But Thomas said, “I will not believe it until I see the nail marks in his hands. And I will not believe until I put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side.”

A week later the followers were in the house again. Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you see me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly happy.”

Prayer:

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen.