



Now faith is confidence in what  
we hope for and assurance  
about what we do not see.

**Hebrews 11:1** (NIV)

# 125 Thomas Finally Believes

John 20:24-29

"We've seen the Lord!" said some of the disciples. "He's alive!"

Jesus died on the cross, but three days later, He rose to life again. When He appeared to some of the disciples, they began to tell others what they'd seen.

Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them, so he refused to believe that Jesus was really alive, unless he had more proof.

"Until I can put my finger in the nail holes in His hands and my hand in His side, I won't believe." Thomas said.

A week later, the disciples were all together in a house. Thomas was with them and the doors were locked, but Jesus appeared right there with them and greeted them.

"Peace to each of you," Jesus said.

Then speaking with Thomas, He said, "Look at my hands. Put your fingers here and touch my side. Stop doubting and believe!"

"My Lord and my God!" cried Thomas because finally he believed Jesus is alive.

"Now you believe?" asked Jesus. "But those who believe before they see are even more blessed!"

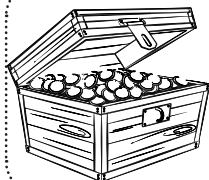


## What did we discover?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ had come back to life.  
PETER                      THOMAS                      JESUS
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ didn't believe that Jesus was really alive.  
ROBERT                      THOMAS                      CHARLIE
- 3) Thomas believed when \_\_\_\_\_ appeared in front of him.  
JESUS                      MOSES                      PETER
- 4) We are \_\_\_\_\_ when we believe the Word of God before we see.  
FED                      BLESSED                      BLIND



**Do I believe Jesus is alive without seeing Him?**



**True faith believes before it sees.**

I believe in Jesus without seeing Him, because I have faith in His Word.



**Lord, Help me believe without seeing first.**

