

Reflection:

I can understand how Thomas felt in today's gospel. Try to imagine that you are Thomas. One of your best friends has been arrested, hurt and killed because he wanted everyone to love each other and treat each other fairly. You are so sad and so hurt. You are also afraid that you might also be arrested for being a friend of Jesus so you are hiding in a tiny house with your friends trying to figure out what to do next. One day you go out for a while. When you return your friends say that Jesus suddenly appeared but has left. What would you think? Would YOU believe them? You might think that it was only someone pretending to be Jesus or that your friends wanted to see Him so badly that they made it up.

Sometimes it is so hard to believe in things that we don't see especially during times when we are sad or angry. Today's gospel tells us that we must believe not only because we must have faith but also because there is work for us to do. In order to do the work that Jesus wants us to do we must believe that He is the one sending us, He is with us and He is helping us. When Jesus appeared to the disciples He said that He was sending them out to continue His work. That is where he wants our attention and our energies instead of trying to figure out if He was really there. If we believe we can move on to the real work at hand.

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' hands and sides?

Do you think you would have been like Thomas? Why or why not?

Can you believe that Jesus is God without ever seeing Him? Why or why not?

What do you think Jesus is sending you out to do?