

Lectio Divina

- > **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - > **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - > **Pray** - Thanksgiving - Repentance - Petition
 - > **Action** - Attitude (Call to change / to do)
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April 3rd 2016 2nd Sunday of Easter - Year C - John 20: 19 - 31

Today we see the disciples in the room with the doors closed for fear of the Jews. Jesus stood among them and as he showed them his hands and his side he said "Peace be with you". The disciples were filled with joy when they saw him. Thomas was not with them when Jesus came and when told of the events he did not believe. When they were at the house again eight days later Thomas was with them. Jesus stood among them again and for the third time said "Peace be with you." Then Jesus invited Thomas to put his finger into his wounds and said "doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied "My Lord and my God." Jesus said "you believe because you see, blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Who do we identify with in this gospel? Are there times in our lives when we feel like Thomas finding it hard to believe?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for the people like Thomas who will not let us away with easy solutions but insist on seeing the wounds that have been made to the victim so that he can understand the situation more.

Forgive us for the times we want to help those in need without sharing their pain but serve them with pious exhortations. We look for their resurrection but do not see their wounds. Help us to be like Jesus welcoming Thomas even though he did not believe. He invited him to see his wounds and as a result he believed and proclaimed, "My Lord and My God."

