



April 12, 2026, Thomas

John 20:19-31

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Risen God, you come into our midst and breathe on us your Holy Spirit. Empower us to believe at depth that you are with us, no matter how we experience you in our lives, and make us witnesses to one another of your very real presence among us. In your name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Thomas was not with the other disciples when they witnessed the risen Jesus. But just a week later, he was blessed to see. Jesus' invitation was to all: proclaim what you have seen to whoever will listen.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you doubted something about your faith. Give yourself permission to doubt—doubt leads to wondering, which leads to an even deeper faith. What would you have done in Thomas' position?
- For the littles: Is it easier to believe in something you can see?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you doubt and faith. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Take a long walk. (If you cannot take a long walk, find time to meditate.) Take with you a doubt or a challenge that has been haunting you. Work it over as you walk or meditate. Look at it from every angle. Consider all your options. Look at it from God's perspective. Ask God for guidance. See if you can come to greater clarity by the end of your walk or meditation.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Seven Chosen to Serve*, Acts 6:1-7

Tuesday: *The Arrest of Stephen*, Acts 6:8-15

Wednesday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:1-22

Thursday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:23-43

Friday: *Stephen's Speech to the Council*, Acts 7:44-53

Saturday: *The Stoning of Stephen*, Acts 7:54-8:1