

Disbelief

John 20:19-29

(The Reader and the Actor will not interact together; instead, they will be looking at the audience while speaking. Readers and Actors should speak loudly and slowly so everyone can hear every word. Readers—read dramatically.)

Reader: Do you have a hard time believing? After Jesus was resurrected, on Sunday evening, “the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! ‘Peace be with you,’ he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.’ Then he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (Pause) Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, was not with the others when Jesus came.

Thomas: (Step out from behind the divider wearing a sign that reads “Disbelief.”) “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers in them, and place my hand into the wound of his side.” (Cross your arms)

Reader: “Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ he said.”

Thomas: (Shocked with mouth wide open.)

Reader: Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. (Hold up your hand) Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

Thomas: “My Lord and my God!”

Reader: "Then Jesus told him, 'You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.'" God says in order to see Him we need to: **"Be still and know that I Am God!" (Psalm 46:10)**