

(Outside)

Points to Ponder

Our Lord does not always act towards us according to His own dignity, but according to our necessity; and if we really are so weak that nothing will do but thrusting a hand into His side, he will let us do it.

- Charles Spurgeon

Crave not wonders, first, because *it is dishonouring to the sacred Word to ask for them*. You believe this Bible to be an inspired volume—the Book of God. The apostle Peter calls it "A more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed." Are you not satisfied with that?

- Charles Spurgeon

Perhaps our Lord in glory continues to bear the marks of the cross. Perhaps these will forever, as we gaze in glory, remind us of the story of our redemption.

- B. W. Johnson

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See and Believe

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

By how Christ dealt with Thomas we can understand the tenderness of our God as we seek truth; our request for apprehending the truth of Christ is met by the testimony of others as well as the evidence that God has given us.

Some Mistakes that Thomas made:

- A. Thomas tended to turn inward;
- B. Thomas did not seek the _____any of those who were with Christ;
- C. Thomas tended to discount the _____mony of others;
- D. Thomas made some rather audacious claims of the Lord;

The Response of Christ

Please note that Christ gave _____nce for His claims;

Please note that Christ did not upbraid Thomas for asking for evidence;

Please also note that Christ did point to the time when people would not see
Him;