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Jesus through the eyes of Thomas

John 20:24-31

1. Have you read the Beatitudes lately in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount - Matthew Chapter 5? Have a quick read. They are a list of the attitudes that bring blessing and happiness.
2. This was not the last time Jesus spoke about blessing. Verse 29 of today's reading tells of a great blessing! Hold that thought. We will come back to it later!
3. Why was Thomas called a doubter?
4. Where was Thomas when Jesus first appeared to the disciples? Did Thomas express his doubt in Jesus' presence?
5. Was (Is) Thomas so unusual in his doubting about Jesus' claims??
6. Have you ever been absent when something significant happened (perhaps a family matter)? What was your reaction upon hearing of it at a later stage?
7. Thomas was very pragmatic in his response to the disciples. Thomas told it as he saw it! Can you identify with this response?
8. Jesus knew what Thomas was thinking even though he was not present when he said it. What does this say about Jesus' understanding his (and our) needs?
9. Consider Thomas' response to Jesus in verse 28. This was a confessing Jesus - no more doubting.
10. Now back to that greater blessing. Why do you think that Jesus sees this belief as greater?
11. None of us were there with Jesus in person. How can we know the truth about His claims? Consider the statement in verse 31.