# "Believing is Seeing" Re-discovering Jesus in the Gospel of John

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# John 20:24-31 (ESV)

**24**Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.**25**So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

**26**Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **27**Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” **28**Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” **29**Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

**30**Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **31**but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**1) Discouragement often results in isolation and despondency. (Verse 24-25)**

**2) Despondency is lifted with Jesus presence and words. (Verse 26-28)**

**3) Disciples today believe what Jesus has declared—then we see. (Verse 29-31)**