

John 20:19-31

When God is continuously opening his arms to show his immense and unfaltering love for us, we can often react by turning our gaze away, holding ourselves back, so to deny Him the place as King of our hearts. We don't trust him, as we are bound by fear and refuse to believe. In the Gospel we are about to read, we see a part of ourselves in Thomas. We see someone who has given up everything and followed on the journey with Jesus, who knows all his promises, has been an eyewitness to all his miracles and has heard all his teachings. Yet, after He has done everything he said he would, Thomas refuses to believe that it is Jesus standing in front of him.

We ourselves throughout our lives have been witness to the power of God's love for us and his victory over death, yet we too often refuse to believe. Why is this? What in our lives is holding us back? So many times he is standing glorious before our eyes asking us to believe, but like Thomas we hold to our doubts and we lack the strength to place our wholehearted trust in Him.