

Fr. Matt's Musings April 29, 2019

In yesterday's gospel, Thomas was our guide. Forever known as the "doubter," there is more to Thomas. Jesus encounters Thomas in his doubts, questions, and confusion and invites him to a deeper faith and trust. Far from being a moment of weakness or a sign of a lack of faith, Thomas' encounter with Jesus moves him to the most profound affirmation of who Jesus is in the gospels, "My Lord and my God!" The Lord also wants to meet us in our doubts, questions, and confusion with the same invitation of trust in Him and the confidence that these moments are so often leading us to a deeper trust and faith. Let us not be afraid of our doubts or worry about them but enter into them with faith and trust.

A second message about Thomas comes from the Christians of India. Thomas is not the doubter but a revered figure and is credited with bringing Christianity to their country. On that evening in the upper room after the resurrection, the Lord does not scold the disciples who abandoned him on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, but offers them peace and sends them to continue His mission of preaching, healing, and loving service. That is our mission

Live Jesus!

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