

Bring New Life



Thursday



Prayer Leader:

Yesterday we saw that Jesus taught the disciples about forgiveness, but not all of the disciples were there when Jesus visited. Thomas was missing!

Let's read on:

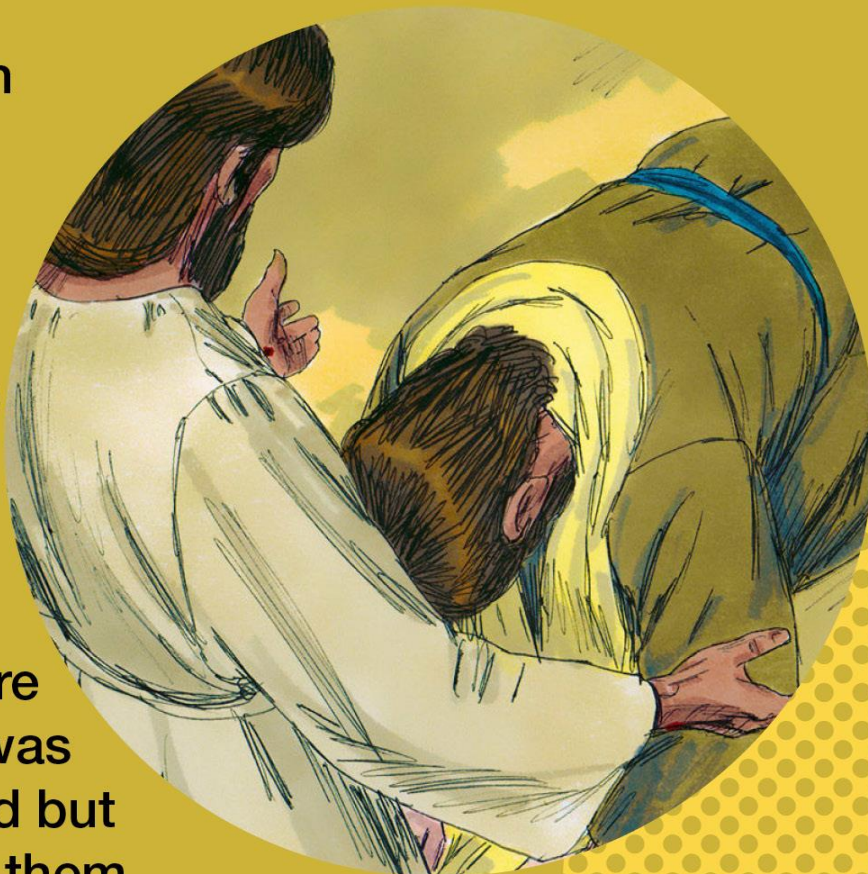
Reader:

‘Thomas was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, “We have seen the Lord”, he answered, “Unless I see the holes that the nails made in His hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into His side, I refuse to believe.”’

Eight days later, the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed but Jesus came in and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” He said. Then He spoke to Thomas, “Put your finger here: look here are my hands. Doubt no longer but believe.”’

Thomas replied, “My Lord and my God!”’

John 20:24-29

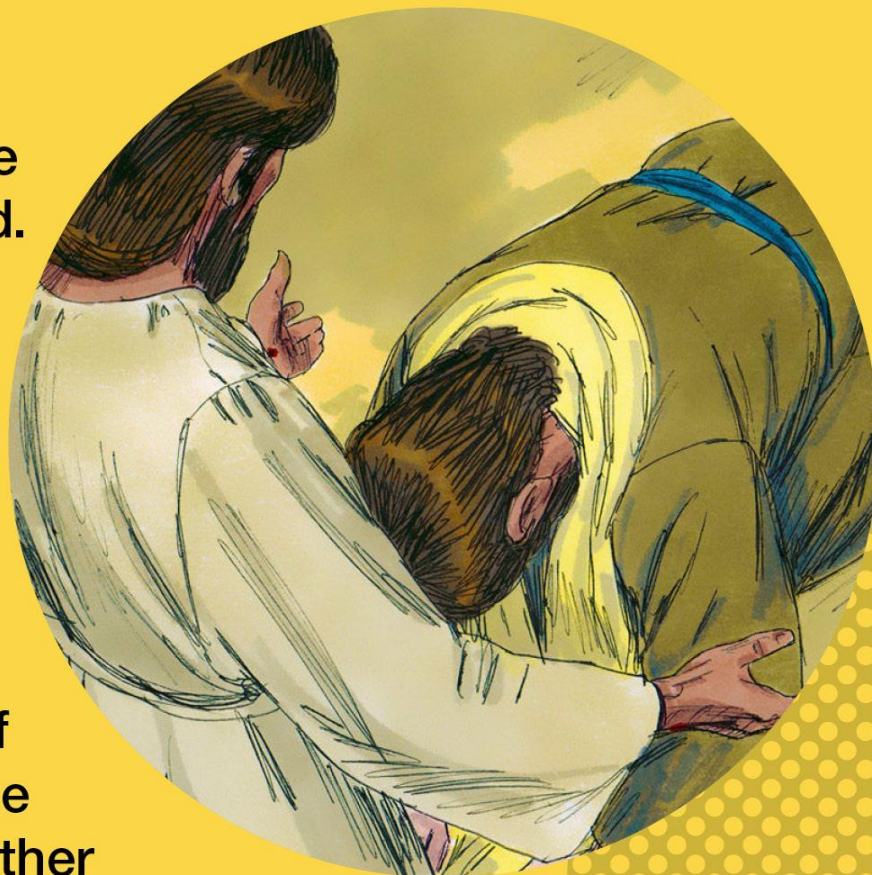


Prayer Leader:

At first, Thomas could not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. He preferred the certainty of what he had seen with his own eyes – the crucifixion of Jesus - than to dare to believe in the good news of His resurrection. Perhaps that was too much of a risk.

Jesus shows Thomas the truth of His resurrection and gives him the courage to join in faith with the other disciples. In this way, he was brought into the group of believers.

Today, countries all over the world must work together for the good of everyone and put their doubts and fears aside.



Prayer Leader:

Let's ask God the Father to help leaders
across the world to work together.

Close your eyes and take three, relaxing
breaths in and out, before we pray.

All:

**Loving Father,
You overcome our doubts and fears.
Show us the new life that you
have in store for us.
Let me say, with courage,
“Lord renew the face of the earth.”
Amen**

