

*Family Worship*

*Jesus Appeared to  
Mary and Thomas*

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# *Opening Prayer*

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

# GLORY

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc5TII93\\_O4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc5TII93_O4)

# *Catechism Time!*

Bible truths for teaching children

## Question 9

**Q:** What does God require in the 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> commandments?

**A:** First, that we know God as the only true God.

Second, that we avoid all idolatry.

Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence.

### What is Idolatry?

Idolatry is...when we place something ahead of God in our lives

**Bible verse** (Deuteronomy 6:13-14)

Respect the Lord your God. Serve only him. Make your promises in his name.  
Do not worship other gods as the people around you do.



# Mary's Story

John 20:1-18



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.'

At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

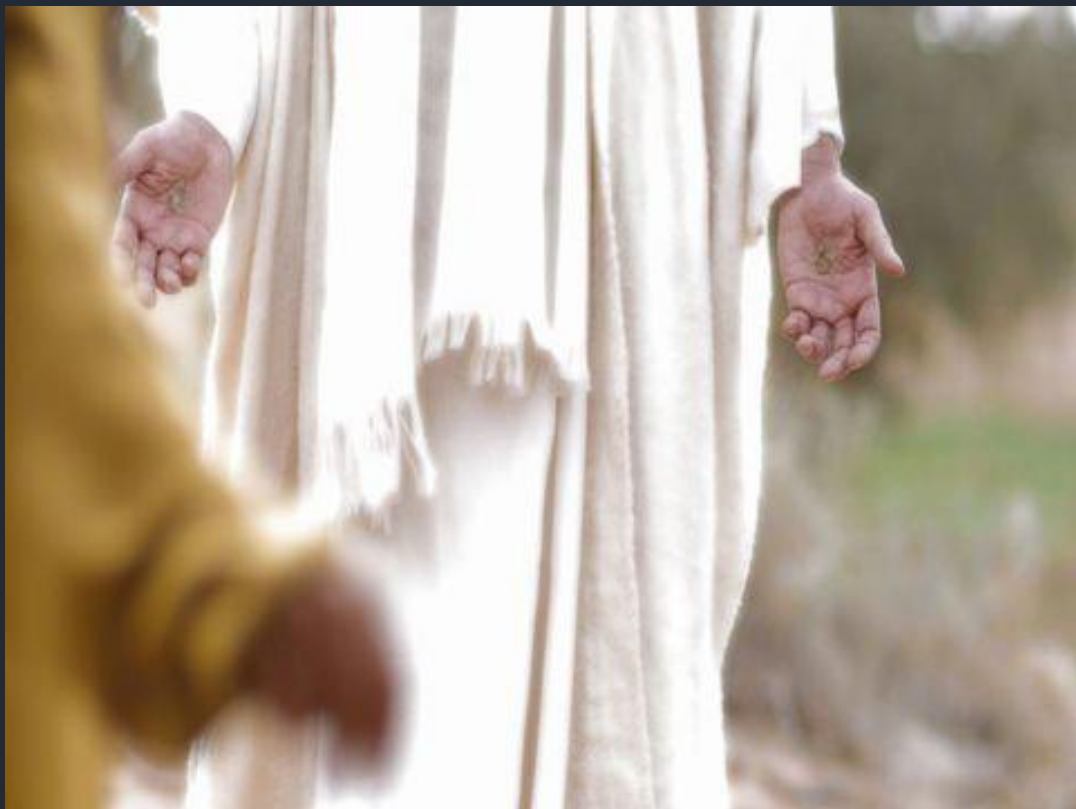
A woman with dark hair, wearing a yellow sari, is shown from the chest up. She has a worried expression on her face and her right hand is raised to her forehead. Above her head is a white thought bubble with a black outline, containing the text 'A gardener?'. The background is a textured, brownish wall.

A gardener?



She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (means 'Teacher').

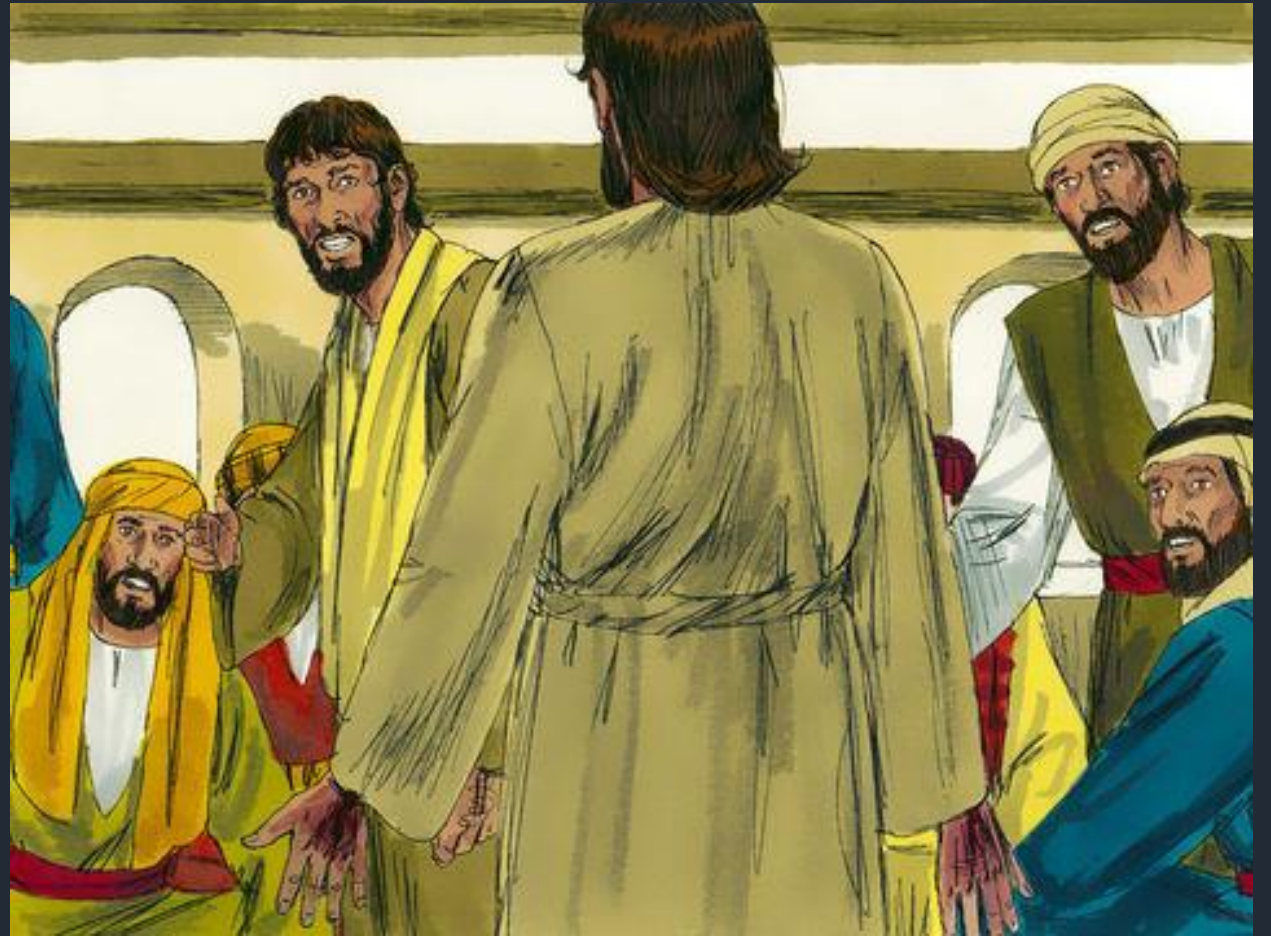
Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "



Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

# Thomas' Story

John 20:24-29

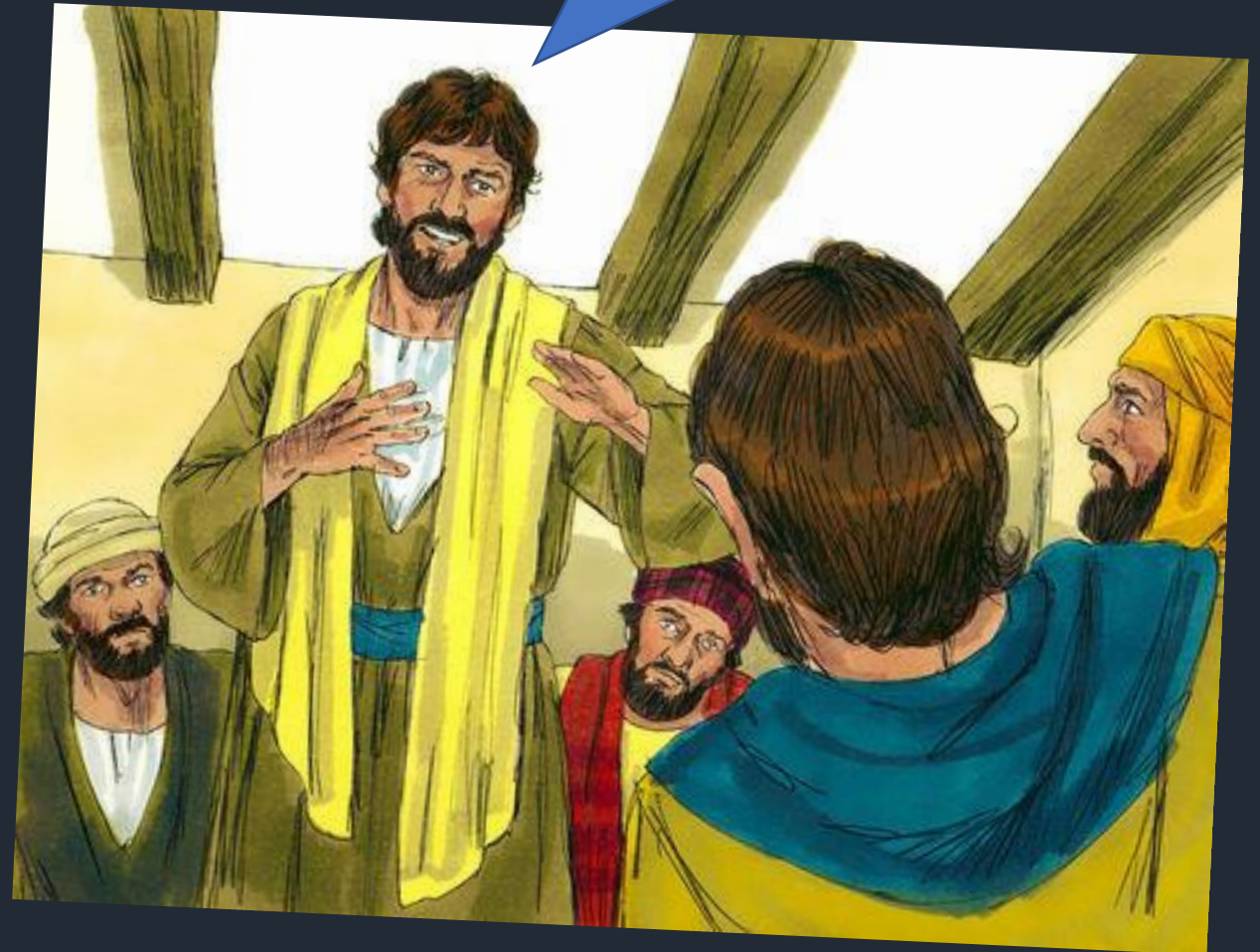


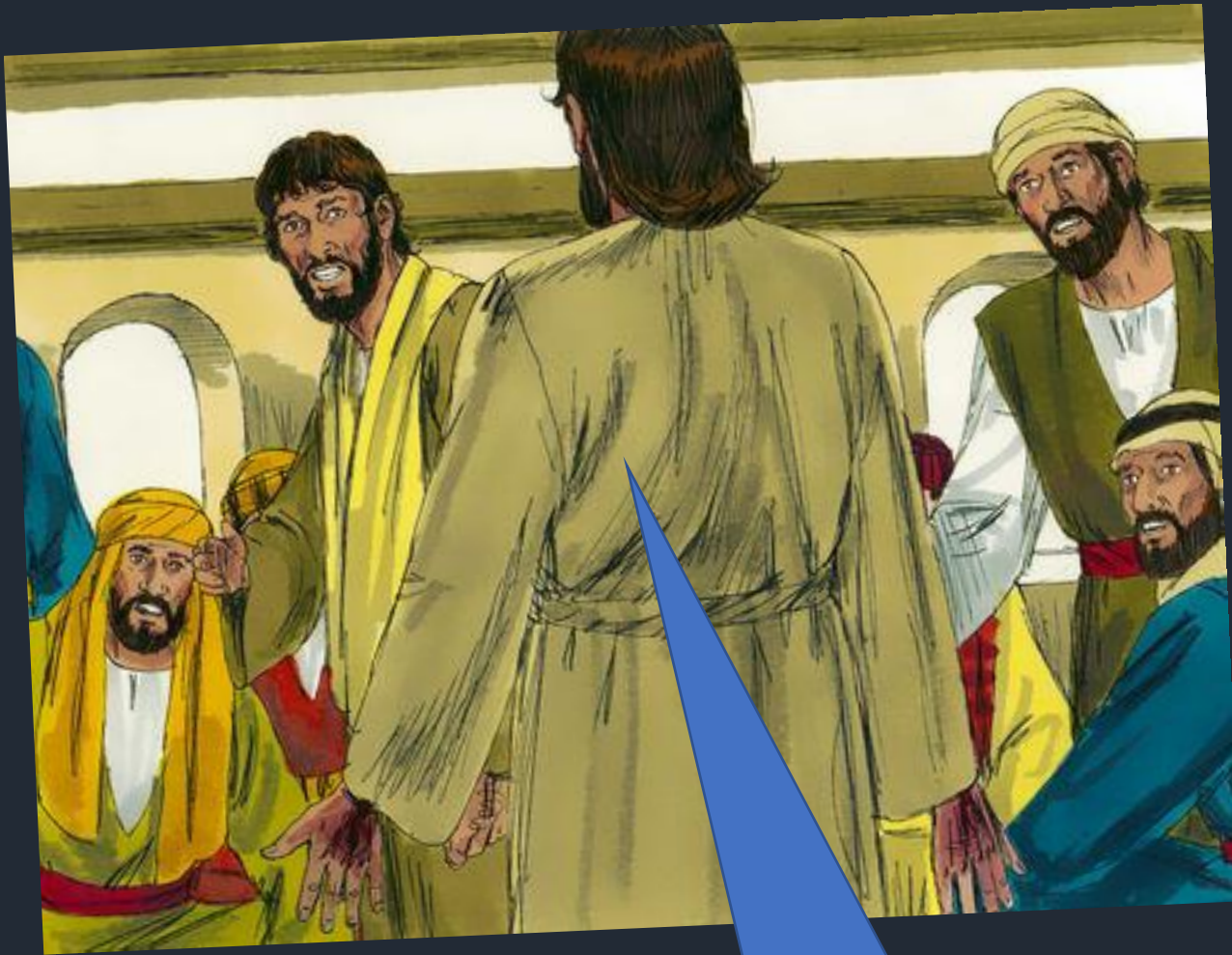
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Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. They told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

Unless I see the nail marks in his hands...





Put your finger here...

A week later they were in the house again. Thomas was there. Though the doors were locked, Jesus appeared and said,

'Peace be with you!'

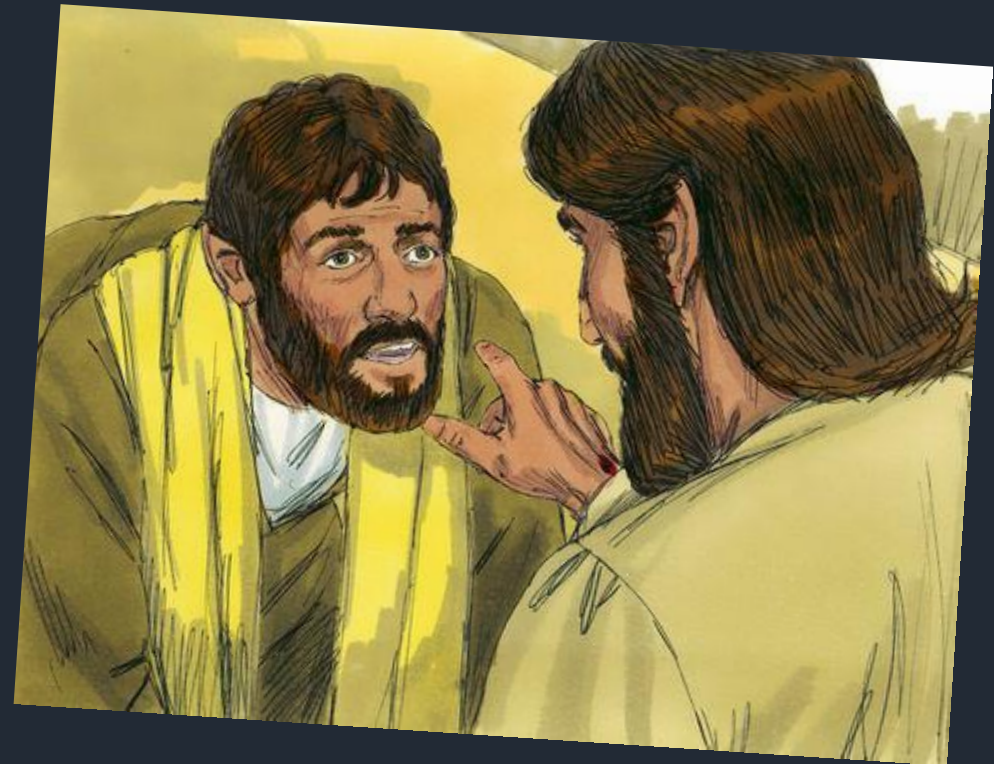
Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'



Thomas said to him,  
'My Lord and my God !'

Then Jesus told him, 'Because you  
have seen me, you have believed;

blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have believed.'



The pictures below describe Mary Magdalene.  
Can you tell what each one means?



# The pictures below describe Mary Magdalene. Can you tell what each one means?

She saw Jesus' crucifixion and death (Mark 15:40)



Jesus cured her of 7 demons (Luke 8:2)



She was one of the women disciples of Jesus (Mk 15:41)



She and some women took spices to the tomb early Sunday morning (Luke 24:1-10)



She was one of the women who provided for Jesus' needs (Mark 15:41)

She was the first to see the risen Jesus (Jn20)



She saw the tomb where Jesus was laid (Mt 27:61)

# Mary Magdalene

From what we've just learnt about Mary Magdalene, can you tell if the following is true of her? Why?

1. She was thankful to JESUS
2. She loved JESUS
3. She followed JESUS
4. She made sacrifices for JESUS
5. She was faithful to JESUS
6. She was the "Apostle to the Apostles"

(i.e. she brought the good news of the risen JESUS to the Apostles)



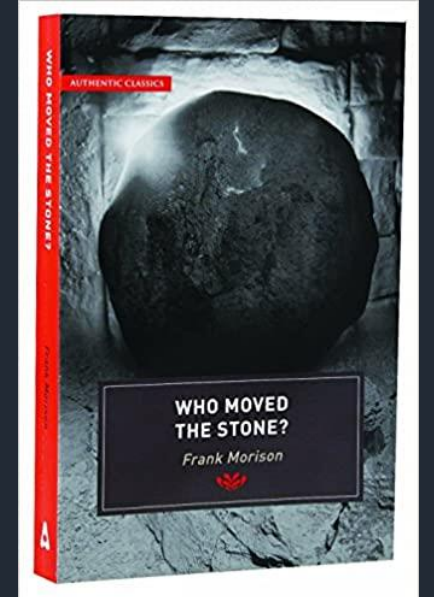


# Thomas

1. Why didn't Thomas believe his friends when they told him they saw the risen JESUS?
2. What proof did Thomas demand?
3. After seeing JESUS, Thomas was convinced that he rose from the dead. But how could he conclude JESUS = GOD?
4. Do you believe in JESUS' resurrection and He is GOD?

## Frank Morrison - a Modern-Day Thomas

Frank did not believe in Jesus. He wanted to prove Jesus did not rise from the dead. He researched & studied Jesus' trial, crucifixion & resurrection in detail. In the end he was convinced that Jesus rose from the dead. He started writing a book he did not intend to write.



# Jesus Meets Us Where We Are !

Mary loved JESUS. She was there when he died on the cross. She went to the tomb early morning to bury him properly.

JESUS treasured her love and faithfulness. He appeared to her first and asked her to tell the other disciples, even though no one believed a woman's words in those days.



# Jesus Meets Us Where We Are !

Thomas doubted. He wanted to see all the evidence before he would believe in JESUS.

JESUS welcomed his query and invited him to investigate. The Christian faith can stand inspection !



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLqX5VQTCbg>

Even if no one believes you...or

You have doubts in your mind...

Remember:

JESUS will meet you where you are !

# *Family Prayer Time*

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Jesus.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

# 耶穌愛你 *Jesus Loves You*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVTAOvZV1HM>



这世界有个千年不变道理  
那就是 耶稣爱你  
在世上没有任何的逼迫患难  
能使我们与神的爱隔绝  
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Yes Jesus Loves Me...  
The Bible Tells Me So.