



NEW ENON BAPTIST CHURCH

I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT

Adult Sunday School Study Guide

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Key Verse

"Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." - John 20:27 (KJV)

Lesson Summary

Thomas is often remembered only for doubting, but the lesson shows a fuller picture. In John 11, Thomas was loyal enough to say that the disciples should go with Jesus even if danger awaited them. In John 14, he honestly admitted that he did not understand where Jesus was going. His question opened the door for Jesus to declare that He is the way, the truth, and the life.

After the resurrection, Thomas was absent when Jesus first appeared to the disciples. He refused to rely only on their report and said that he needed to see the wounds for himself. Eight days later, Jesus came again, offered peace, and invited Thomas to examine the evidence. Jesus did not abandon Thomas in his doubt. He met him, corrected him, and called him to believe.

Thomas responded, "My Lord and my God." Honest questions do not have to end in unbelief. When questions are brought to Jesus, Scripture, prayer, and the fellowship of believers, doubt can become deeper faith. Jesus blesses those who have not physically seen Him and still believe.

Source note: This guide follows the confirmed August 2, 2026 lesson scripture and standard lesson outline. It does not quote or attribute unverified statements from the video.

Detailed Lesson Notes

1. Thomas showed loyalty - John 11:14-16

Thomas understood the danger of returning toward Judea and still urged the disciples to go with Jesus. His words show courage and commitment.

2. Thomas asked an honest question - John 14:5-8

Thomas admitted that he did not understand. Jesus answered with the truth that He is the way, the truth, and the life.

3. Missing the gathering affected Thomas - John 20:24-25

Thomas was not present when Jesus first appeared. Christian fellowship can strengthen faith during confusing and painful seasons.

4. Thomas wanted personal evidence

He said he needed to see the nail marks and wounded side. The struggle was between depending only on sight and trusting reliable testimony.

5. Jesus met Thomas with peace - John 20:26-27

Jesus entered the locked room, offered peace, and addressed Thomas directly. Christ knew his struggle and what he needed.

6. Jesus called Thomas to believe

Jesus said, "Be not faithless, but believing." The goal was not merely to touch evidence but to move the heart from doubt to faith.

7. Thomas made a personal confession - John 20:28

Thomas declared, "My Lord and my God." Faith became personal and Christ-centered.

8. Believers walk by faith - John 20:29

Jesus pronounced a blessing on those who believe without physically seeing Him. We trust through Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and the witness of transformed lives.

9. Thomas stayed with the disciples - John 21:1-2

Thomas remained among the disciples when Jesus appeared again. A season of doubt did not end his discipleship.

Life Application

- Bring honest questions to Jesus instead of hiding them.
- Stay connected to worship, Sunday School, and Christian fellowship when life is confusing.
- Use Scripture as the foundation for faith instead of depending only on feelings or visible proof.
- Remember that Jesus knows your questions and can meet you with truth and peace.
- Make faith personal by confessing Jesus as "my Lord and my God."
- Encourage people who are struggling instead of shaming them for having questions.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us when we have questions and doubts. Help us bring every concern to You with honesty. Strengthen our faith through Your Word, prayer, worship, and fellowship with other believers. Give us peace when we cannot see the whole path, and help us trust that You are the way, the truth, and the life. May our hearts confess with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." In Jesus' name, Amen.

Study Questions

1. What did Thomas say when Jesus prepared to go toward Lazarus?

- A. Let us also go, that we may die with him
- B. We should remain where it is safe
- C. Lazarus does not need help
- D. Send someone else

2. How did Jesus answer Thomas's question about the way?

- A. Follow the crowd
- B. I am the way, the truth, and the life
- C. Wait until you understand everything
- D. The disciples will show you

3. Why did Thomas initially refuse to believe the resurrection report?

- A. He did not know the disciples
- B. He had never followed Jesus
- C. He had not seen the risen Jesus and His wounds
- D. He wanted to leave Jerusalem

4. What did Jesus tell Thomas in John 20:27?

- A. Leave the disciples
- B. Be not faithless, but believing
- C. Do not speak again
- D. Your questions can never be answered

5. What confession did Thomas make?

- A. You are only a teacher
- B. I still will not believe
- C. My Lord and my God
- D. The disciples were mistaken

Answer Key: 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-B, 5-C

Reflection

What question or doubt do you need to bring to Jesus? Write your response below.
