

Getting Ready for Sunday!

Sunday, 7 April 2024

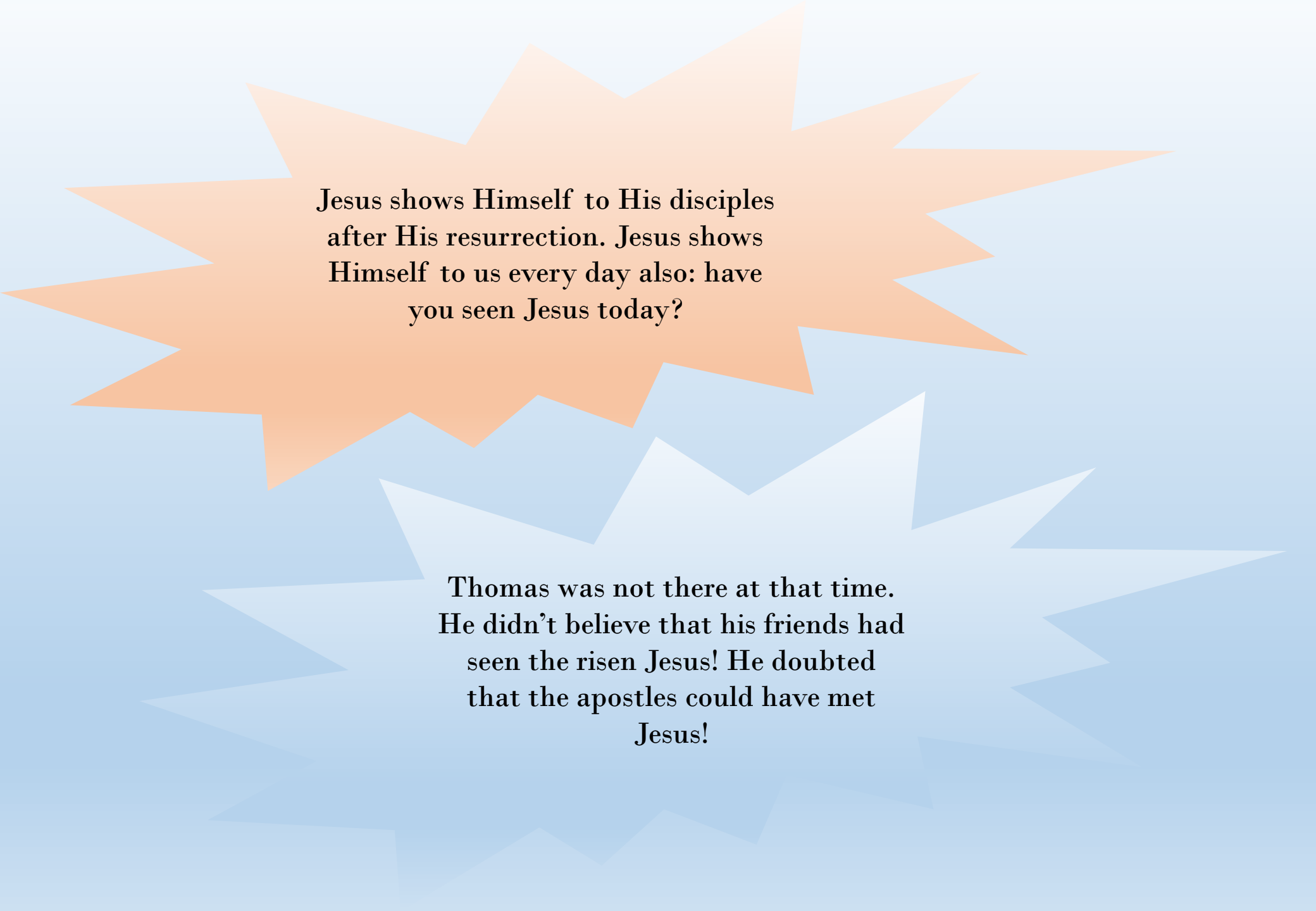
2nd Sunday of the
Easter Season



John 20:19-31

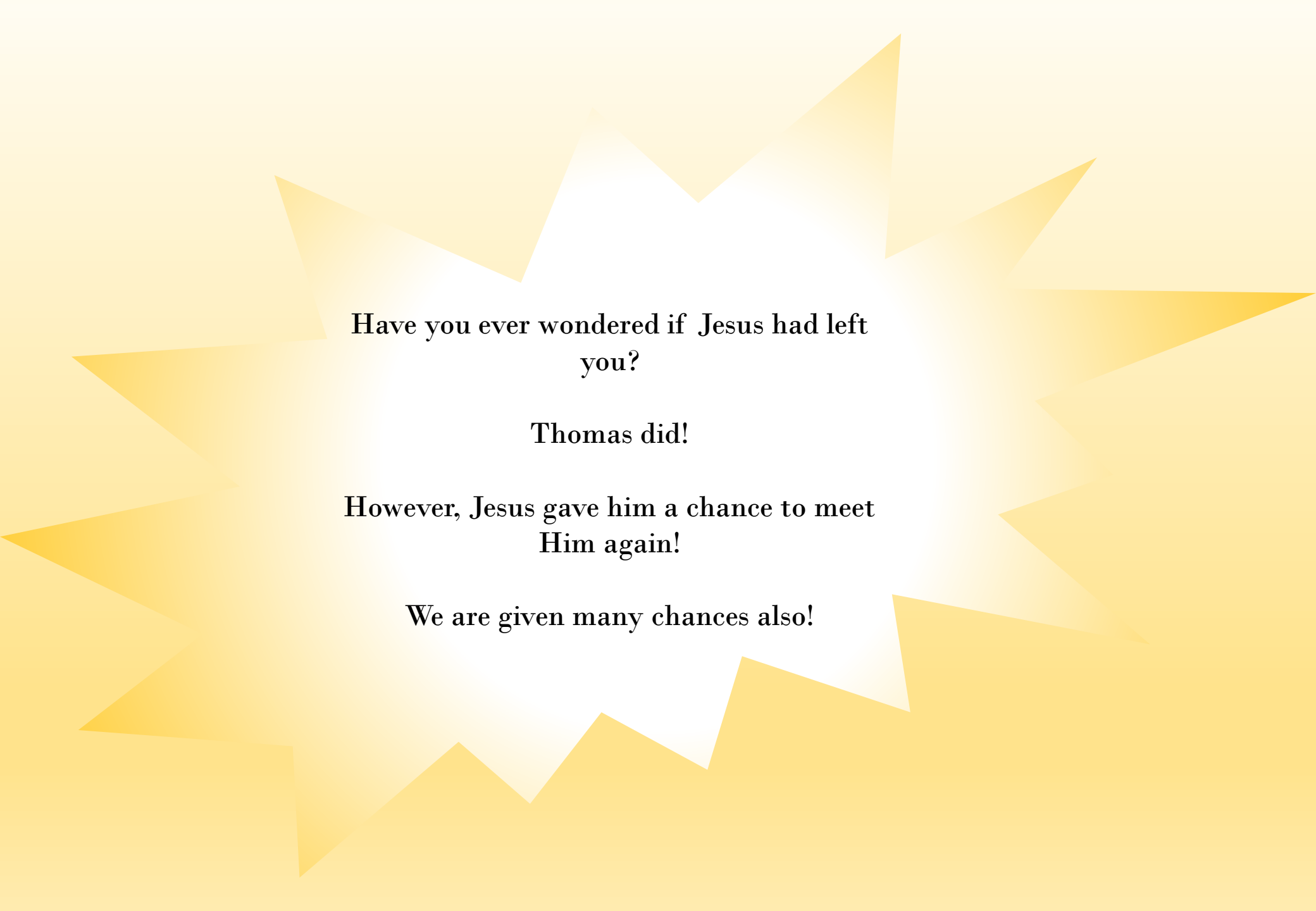
Jesus Appears to the Disciples





**Jesus shows Himself to His disciples
after His resurrection. Jesus shows
Himself to us every day also: have
you seen Jesus today?**

**Thomas was not there at that time.
He didn't believe that his friends had
seen the risen Jesus! He doubted
that the apostles could have met
Jesus!**



**Have you ever wondered if Jesus had left
you?**

Thomas did!

**However, Jesus gave him a chance to meet
Him again!**

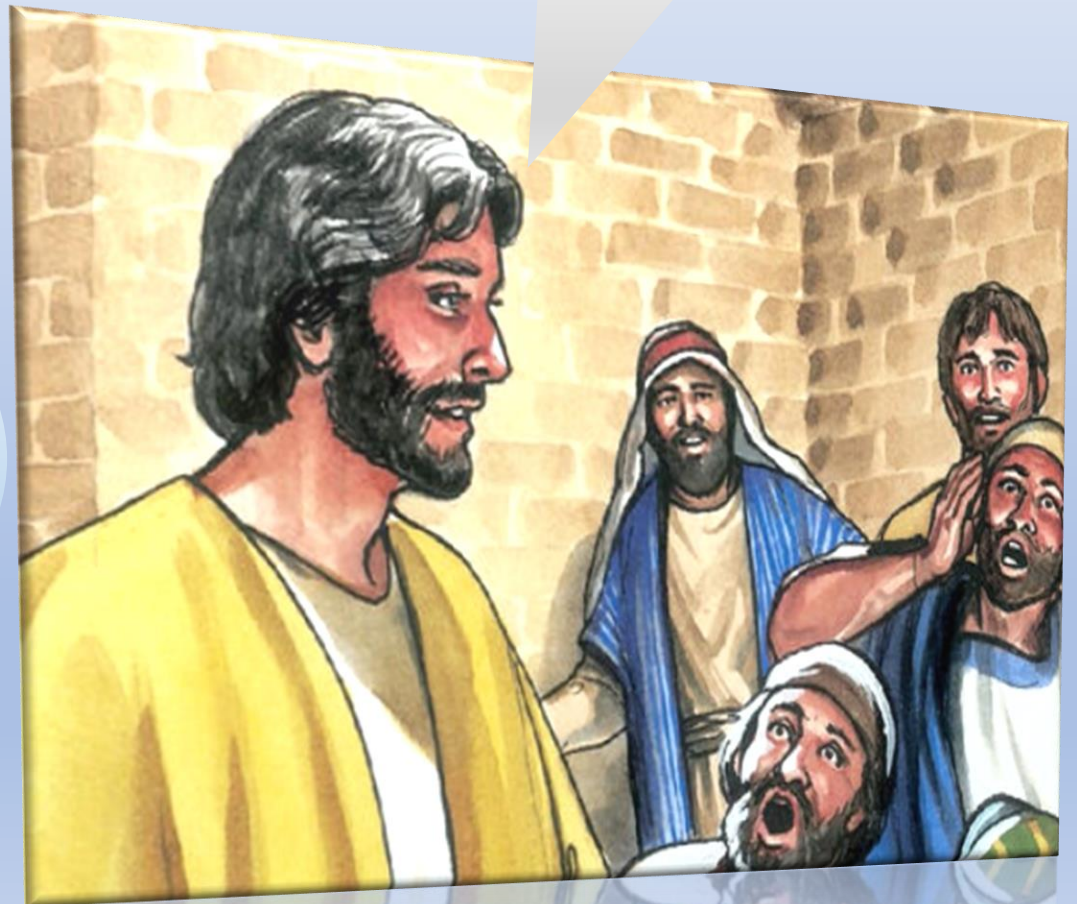
We are given many chances also!

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said:

Peace be with you.

Do you have the gift of
Peace today?

Or do you need to ask for
the gift of Peace?



After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again:

Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.



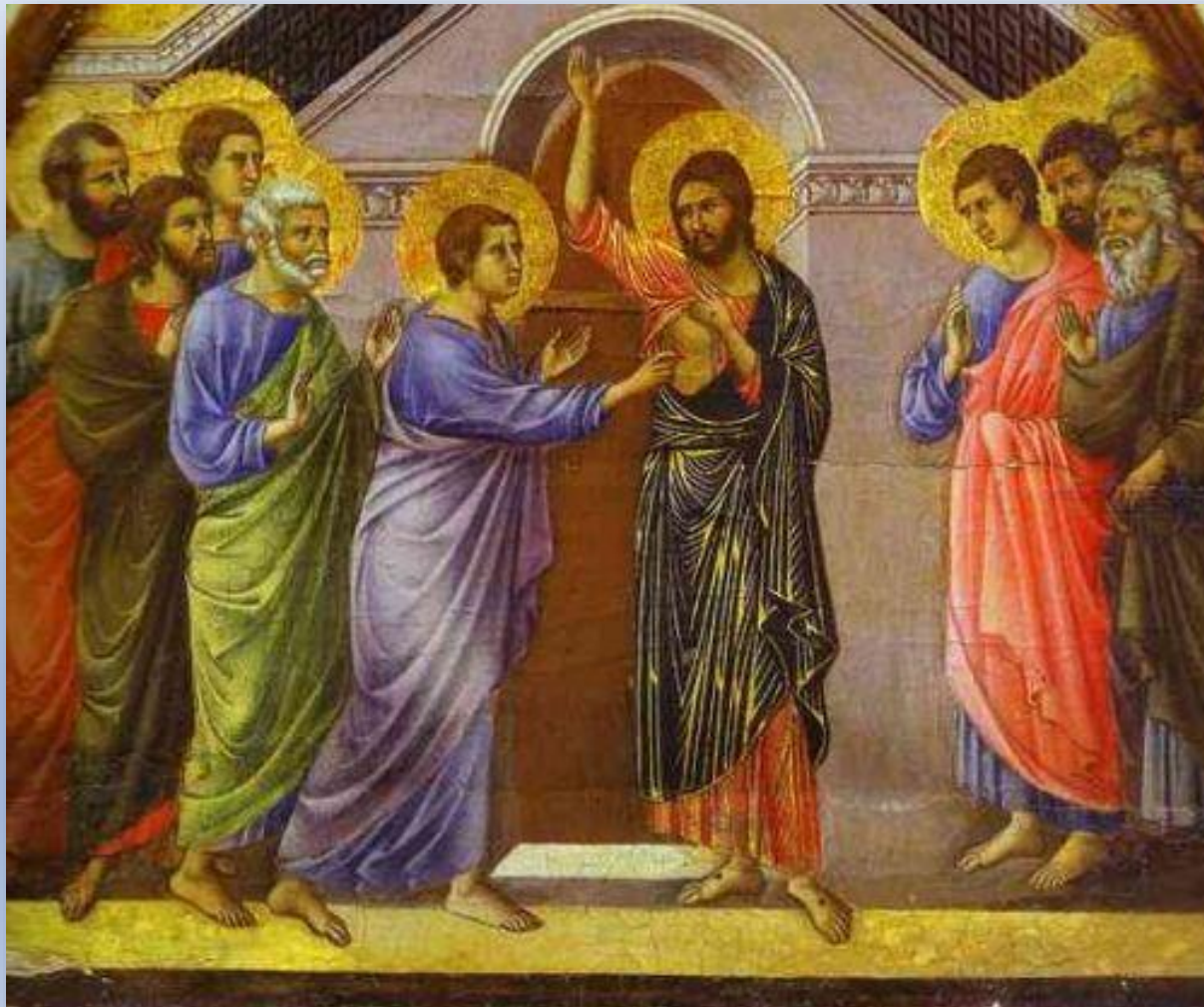
When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them:

Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.



But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,

‘We have seen the Lord.’





But Thomas said to them,

‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said:

Peace be with you.



Then he said to Thomas:

Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.

Jesus asks His disciples to believe in Him, to trust God, to know that God is always with them!



My Lord and my God!

Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.



Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



Bible Search

Read John 20:19-31 in your family Bible - this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



*When have you experienced the gift of God's Peace in your life?
Have you accepted God's gift of Peace today?*

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to believe that the Risen Jesus is truly with you.



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