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So, Who was the apostle Thomas? He has become famous because he had doubt thus the name "doubting Thomas." Church tradition tells us that Thomas ended up as a missionary in India. He comes up a few times in the life of Jesus

Today's story reminds us that humans beings are emotionally complex beings. Sometimes we get things wrong and we need to re-access and maybe "change our tune". When the disciples all come to tell Thomas that they've seen the risen Lord, he refuses to believe it. Thomas was committed to Jesus but the crucifixion shattered him. We all have moments we're proud of and other moments we wish we could forget. Jesus treatment of Thomas (and indeed St Peter who denied knowing Jesus etc.) is that - one incident does not define a person. Our assessment of a situation may be wrong and like Thomas we can and on further reflection change. our attitude or behaviour.

A week after Thomas expresses his uncertainties, Jesus appears to the disciples again — and this time Thomas is among them. Jesus doesn't chastise Thomas for his lack of faith. Instead, he addresses Thomas in a way that allows him to change his attitude. Gentleness is at work here, not righteous indignation . Thomas had walked beside Jesus for three years. He heard Christ's teachings and saw Jesus perform many miracles, yet he still struggled to believe Jesus had risen from the grave. After he touched Christ's wounds and responded with the words "My Lord and my God," Jesus makes an important comment: "*Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed*" Jesus is talking about you and me ! We didn't have the luxury of walking with Jesus or touching His scars. We live thousands of years removed from the events recorded in the Gospels, and Jesus recognizes the faith that it takes for us to believe. That's why He pronounces a special blessing on us for trusting Him!

Finally, the book of the Gospel written by John ends with what I think is a smashing paragraph, which places the whole purpose of the Bible in context. : "*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*". No more to be said.

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