

A week later, the disciples were again inside. Thomas was with them. Jesus appeared. Jesus said, "Put your finger into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

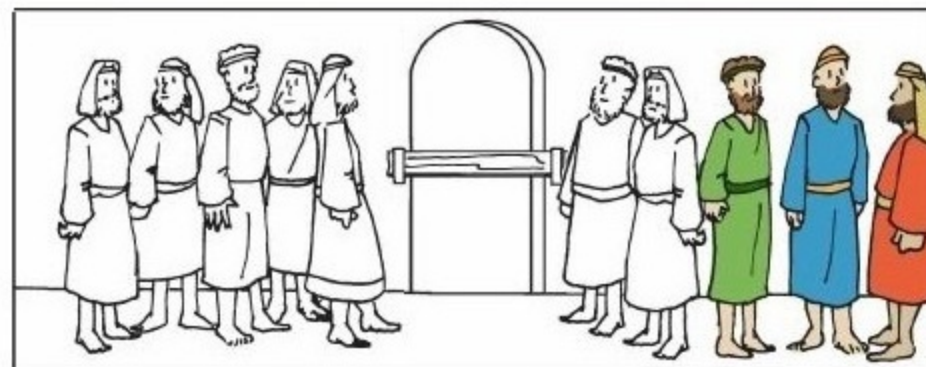
Thomas believed.

Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

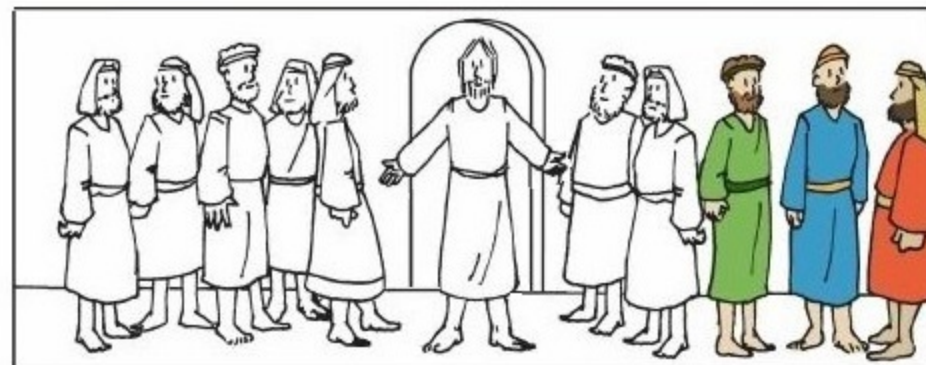


Jesus Appears to His Disciples

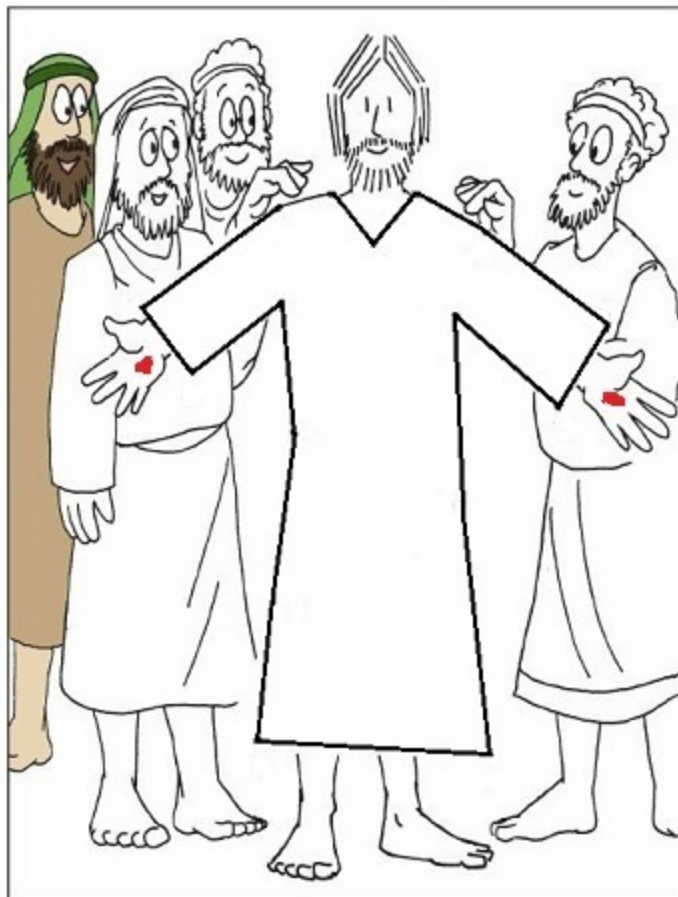
After Jesus died and after his tomb was found empty, His disciples were together in a room. The doors were locked. They were afraid.



Suddenly, even though the doors were locked, Jesus stood among them. Jesus said, "Peace be with you."



Jesus showed them his hands and his side. They could see the holes left by the nails and by the spear that a Roman soldier had pushed into Jesus' side when he was on the cross.



Then, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven, and whose sins you retain are retained."

The disciple Thomas was not with the others when Jesus appeared. Later, the disciples told Thomas, "We have seen the Lord."

Thomas said, "Unless I see the nail marks and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

