

Read John 11:7-16.

Mary and Martha wanted Jesus to come and heal their brother who was very sick and then died. Talk about why Thomas might've said, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus." Was Thomas doubting or was he just saying there was a good chance they could be killed? Be ready to defend your point of view.

Read John 14:1-6.

Jesus was preparing the disciples for his death on the cross. He told them that he was going to heaven. Talk about why Thomas said he didn't know where Jesus was going. Was Thomas speaking up for all the disciples who weren't sure of what Jesus was talking about? Or was Thomas doubting that Jesus would really die and go to heaven? Be ready to defend your point of view.

Read John 20:19-25.

Jesus appeared to the other disciples, but Thomas wasn't there. Talk about why Thomas said he wanted to see the wounds in Jesus' hands. Was Thomas saying he wanted to see the same thing the other disciples saw? Or was Thomas doubting what the disciples were telling him? Be ready to defend your point of view.

Read Acts 1:12-14.

Thomas and the other disciples had just seen Jesus go up to heaven after walking on the earth and talking with them after his death on the cross. Talk about why Thomas was still one of the disciples. Was Thomas still trying to decide if Jesus was really who he said he was? Or was Thomas convinced of who Jesus was and finally ready to defend Jesus? Be ready to defend your point of view.

DON'T DOUBT



Have you ever doubted God? Guess what: You're not alone. **Read JOHN 20:24-31 to meet a doubting disciple.**

One good thing to do when you have doubts is to separate what you *know* from what you *feel*. **Here's an example:** You may doubt that God loves you because you didn't make the soccer team. You *feel* alone and unloved.

But the Bible says that God loves you, and that he'll take care of you. Because the Bible says it, you *know* it's true, even if it doesn't *feel* that way right now.

Fill in this chart with what you feel and what you know from the Bible.

What I Feel	What I Know
Lonely	God is with me. —MATTHEW 28:20

Turn to John 13:21-35 to read more about love.

The index in this Bible can help you know where to look in the Bible!