The Hope of Easter

A journey through the Easter story

Day 16: Doubting Thomas

Read John 20:24-29

Thomas refuses to believe the other disciples when they tell him “We have seen the Lord!” This is an interesting response for two reasons: firstly, because Jesus had predicted he would rise again. Secondly, he knew his fellow disciples well; could they all have gone crazy? Thomas says he won’t believe unless he puts his hands into Jesus’ wounds.

Eight days later Jesus appears; Thomas sees the nail wounds in Jesus’ hands and believes. Thomas may have doubted but from that day on he believed and took the message of Jesus far and wide. Tradition says that Thomas was a missionary to India and was eventually martyred for his belief.

1. What doubts are you wrestling with?
2. Have you brought your doubts to Jesus and asked him for his help with them?
3. Are you boldly living out your beliefs? As Thomas did in the early Church.

We encourage you to take time to pray and thank God for his wisdom which is far beyond ours (Isaiah 55:9).