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There are certain things that are hard to believe unless you see it. In December there was a story about Steph Curry making 105 three pointers in a row at practice without missing. If you have ever played basketball, you know how impossible that sounds. With a quick Google search you can actually watch the 5-minute video of him making three after three until he finally misses on his 106th shot.

Three days after Jesus died on the cross, he appeared in person to his disciples. They could barely believe it, and they were surprised to see Jesus in the flesh. One of the disciples, Thomas, was not there that night. The disciples told Thomas they saw Jesus, but he would not believe unless he saw Jesus himself. This is why he is often called doubting Thomas.

A week later, Jesus again visited the disciples, and this time Thomas was there with them. Thomas talked with Jesus and even touched his wounds. After seeing Jesus face-to-face, Thomas stopped doubting and believed.

At times we can be a lot like Thomas. We might doubt if God is real. We might doubt if Jesus could truly forgive us for a horrible thing that we have done. We might doubt if certain parts of the Bible are true. We might doubt that doing good things doesn't save us. As with Thomas we want God to show us proof.

That is exactly what God does in the Bible. We certainly can't see Jesus with our own eyes, but in the Bible, we can learn that Jesus did everything needed to save us from our sins. While he was on earth Jesus never sinned once, he gave up his own life for us by dying on the cross, and three days later his tomb was empty because he had risen from the dead. God gave us the Bible so that we might know and believe in Jesus as our Savior.

Each time we read and study the Bible at home or at church, God the Holy Spirit is working to strengthen our faith and trust in Jesus. The next time you find yourself doubting, open up your Bible and read God's perfect promises. Believe! Trust! Jesus your Savior is truly alive!

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Questions to Consider

- What is the nickname that people often call Thomas?
- Where can we learn about Jesus and all that he did to save us from our sins?
- If you were Thomas, do you think that you would have believed the other disciples when they said Jesus appeared to them?
- What parts of the Bible do you sometimes have doubts about or have trouble understanding?
- Why do you think so many people today have such a hard time believing the Bible is true?
- What steps can you take this upcoming week to be more regular in studying God's Word?