

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: AEaster2x2017

Text: John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 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.

Word - I/S, Math - I, Body - I, Music - I, People - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Peace to you</p> <p><i>Apistos</i> = <b>not</b> trust, faith, or certainty</p> <p><i>Ginou</i> = becoming</p> <p><i>Harmartia</i> = sin which is a theological failing or mistake or misunderstanding</p>	<p>An interesting collection of <a href="#">crossword clues</a> about skeptics</p> <p>Jesus' words to Thomas then: "Do not become distrusting, but become trusting."</p>	<p>What would it sound like to use the word "mistake" or "error" for "sins" in verse 23? How might that word give a different meaning to Jesus' instruction to the church?</p>

<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>		<p>Nerdgasm from SW:V - Luke: (upon seeing his X-wing recovered from the swamp) I don't believe it! Yoda: That is why you fail.</p> <p>Location: disciples had heard Mary's declaration that morning but they had locked themselves in a room anyway.</p>	
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>		<p><a href="#">Skeptic tries to debunk miracles, converts instead</a></p> <p><a href="#">The difference between proof and evidence</a></p> <p>These articles are about skeptical atheists, and while they may be illustrative, they are <i>not</i> analogous to Thomas! He was a devout follower and willing to die with Jesus in ch. 11. Just saying.</p>	
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>D2 &amp; MWD</p>		<p>Would you believe I stuck my arm through a storm door glass? Let me show you the scar!</p> <p>Would you believe I ran into a brass ashtray on my mother's lap and came an inch away from blinding myself? Let me show you the scar!</p> <p>If you have some interesting and appropriately placed scars, show them to the congregation with backstory. -- stories of woundedness seem fertile ground for the gospel.</p>	
<p>Musical</p>		<p><a href="#">"Doubting Thomas" by Nickel Creek and lyrics</a></p>	

D2		<p>“Trap Door” by Ozzy Osbourne includes Doubting Thomas in the <a href="#">lyrics</a>; song seems mostly to be about self-recrimination and facing the consequences of a fearful life - opposite of Jesus’ reaction to Thomas!</p>	
Natural		<a href="#">Skeptic cat</a>	
<p>People - Interpersonal MWD</p>	<p>Retaining and forgiving sins (or brokenness) - the health of the community</p> <p>Some scholars suggest Thomas may not have been with the others when Jesus showed up Easter evening because he had “quit the group”. They “kept telling him” they had seen the Lord and pestered him into coming back where he saw for himself.</p>	<p>Molly: When I was in 11th grade, my brother bugged me to come back to youth group - which I had given up on - and I finally gave in and came back and met a new advisor who took my questions seriously. It was a turning point in my faith development and a significant step on the road to ordination for me.</p> <p>How many do we lose because we don’t take their doubts seriously?</p>	<p>When has your congregation gone out of its way to seek out a missing member and bring them back?</p> <p>Are there people you can identify who need some “pestering”?</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>I will not believe</p> <p>You may come to believe</p>	<p>Jesus is coaxing Thomas out of the darkness of uncertainty into the light of surety. And planting him there.</p>	<p>Have you ever had a radical conversion from unbelief to belief, religious or otherwise?</p>