

***“Doubts Resolved on the First Day of the Week”***  
**John 20:24-29**

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**Jesus addresses the doubts of His people and encourages true faith on the first day of the week.**

**1. He Graciously Comes to His Own (again!) vv. 24-26**

**(1) On the first day of the week**

*“And after eight days, His disciples were again inside and Thomas with them”*

- As before! A pattern intended!  
cf. 20:1, 19

**(2) He comes exclusively to His own**

*“Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you!’”*

- He shows Himself exclusively to His own
- He speaks exclusively to His own

**(3) He speaks peace to them once again!**

**2. He Graciously Condescends to Address the Needs of His own vv. 27-28**

**(1) His perfect knowledge of our need**

*“Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.’”*

- He knows precisely the nature and shape of Thomas’ unbelief.

**(2) His perfect ministry to such need (45)**

- A mild rebuke

- An exhortation to faith

- An efficacious ministry – as evidenced by Thomas’ response *“My Lord and My God!”*

**3. He Preaches: A Beatitude for All of His People**

**v. 29**

*“Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”*

**(1) An exhortation to yet greater faith**

**(2) Visible, tangible proofs are to be superseded!**

- His appearance appropriate here in terms of the apostolic testimony
- But He points to something better than His physical presence  
cf. 16:7-15

**(3) The wonderful sufficiency of those means He has provided**

- The exalted Christ is present with His church to the end of the age!

- Ministering to His church through Word and Spirit vv. 30-31

**Further Application**