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The Twin

John 20:24-31 ²⁴Now Thomas called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands, and put my finger where the nails have been, and put my hand into His side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were once again inside with the doors locked, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Thomas was called Didymus, which means that he may have had a twin sibling. V.24
- B. He did not experience the first event in the upper room. V. 24
- C. He heard from the other Disciples that Jesus had appeared to them. V. 25
- D. He refused to believe unless he experienced it firsthand. V. 25
- E. He was in a locked room with the other Disciples when The Prince of Shalom visited them. V. 26
- F. Jesus invited Thomas to personally experience that it was indeed Him. V. 27
- G. Thomas proclaimed the saving declaration about Jesus. V.28
- H. Jesus stated that it takes more faith to believe without seeing. V.29
- I. We are of those who believe what was written down in Scripture. V. 30
- J. True belief leads to a full, abundant life both in the future and for now. V. 31

II. Why is Thomas's encounter so important?

- A. Our upbringing does not have to limit us. Thomas had a twin and he was not one of the twelve!
- B. We all do not need to have the same spiritual experiences.
- C. It is important to learn from other people about their faith journey.
- D. Shalom is available to us as believers.
- E. We must proclaim the deity and humanity of our Lord.
- F. We must receive the abundant life that God has for us.
- G. Thomas went on to preach the Gospel in India. Our journey does not have to be like others around us.