



# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Doubting Thomas

### Bible Story

Read together the story of Thomas & Jesus

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!"

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

John 20:19-29

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## Craft: Jesus Hands

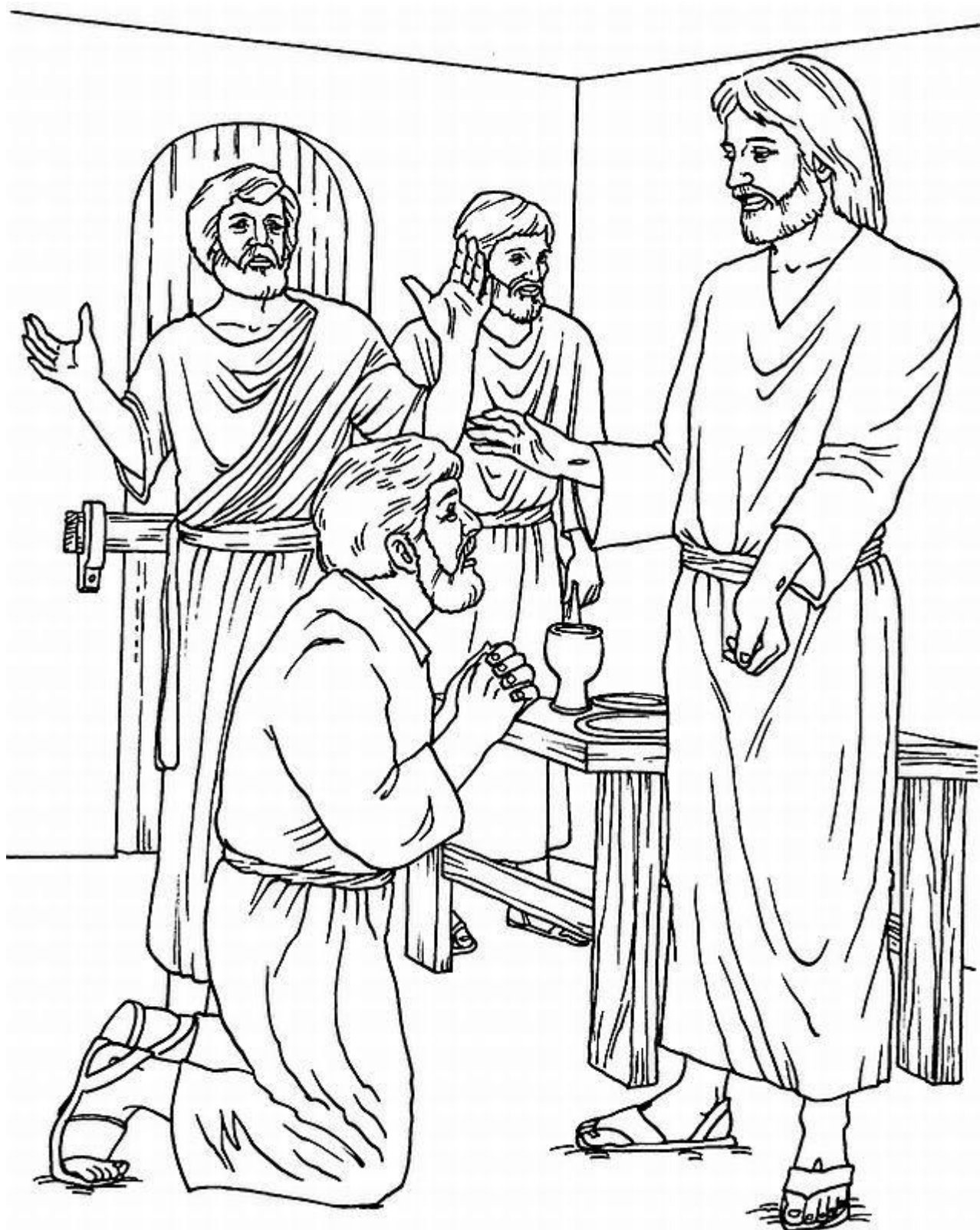
*You will need: White paper or thin card, red paper or red pen, glue stick, scissors*



Draw round both your hands on the card or paper, with adult help cut out each hand. Cut out a base piece of card as shown in the picture. Stick the hands to the base. Now cut out from the red card (or draw with a red pen) two hearts for the palms. Add the bible verse (either printed or written) "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"

You may wish to take a piece of string punch holes in the hands and hang this on your door to remember Jesus appearing to Thomas, as we too believe he is Risen Again!

Picture to Colour



Please send us photos of your crafts to our FB Pages, on Messenger or by email to [vicar@stmstw.org](mailto:vicar@stmstw.org)

## Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus.

We thank you that you rose again from the dead

We thank you that you appeared to Thomas and his friends

We thank you that bless all who believe in you.

Amen