Thomas Needed To See
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John 20:24-29
“Jesus is alive we saw him!” Jesus’ friends told Thomas. “I wont believe you until I see Jesus with my own eyes,” he said.
When the friends met the next week, everyone was happy, except Thomas. “How can anyone rise from the dead?” he argued. “Unless I see his hands and feet I will not believe!”
Suddenly Jesus was standing right there in the room, even though the door was shut! Everyone was surprised to see him, especially Thomas.
“Don’t be frightened,” Jesus said, “It really is me. Thomas, touch my hands and see that I am alive.”
Then Thomas knew that Jesus HAD risen from the dead and he believed because he had seen Jesus himself.
“Thomas, you are glad now,” Jesus said, “You believe I am alive only because you have seen me with your very own eyes.
In days to come, 
God's favor will be on many people 
who will believe in me, 
although they have never seen me.