

The Five Phases of Thomas's Faith

John 20:19-29

- I. Pessimistic Thomas
 - a. John 11:16 – *Let us also go, that we may die with him.*
 - b. Heading back to Bethany – “enemy territory”
- II. Quizzical Thomas
 - a. John 14:5 – *Lord, we don't know where you are going...*
 - b. It's not about logistics – it is about the Lord
- III. Missing Thomas
 - a. John 20:24 – *Now Thomas...was not with the disciples...*
 - b. The Ten saw Jesus' wound marks – *Shalom aleichem!*
- IV. Doubting Thomas
 - a. John 20:25b – *Unless I see...I will not believe.*
 - b. Jesus gives Thomas a week to wrestle with his doubt
- V. Believing Thomas
 - a. John 20:27c – *Do not be unbelieving but believing.*
 - b. John 20:28 – *My Lord and my God!*

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29 (NIV)