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Second Sunday of Easter, Year C - RCLB Lectionary



Lectionary: 45

Read: [John 20:19-31](#)

Gospel Summary

Following Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were still uncertain of his message. They lost hope, were filled with fear, and locked themselves in a room. Without entering through the door, Jesus appeared before them with a greeting of peace and a mission to spread the Good News. The disciple, Thomas, was not in the room. When he learned of Jesus' visit, he would not believe it. But about a week later, Jesus appeared in a similar way and Thomas was with the others. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the wounds in his hands and side. Thomas knew immediately that it was Jesus and believed in him.

Reflection for Families

Parents are often the source of hope and encouragement for their children. When a child falls repeatedly while learning to walk or ride a bike, it is a parent who coaxes, encourages, and praises the child. Parents provide hope and comfort when a child falls short of a goal whether in academics, relationships, sports, or the arts. Parents can relate to the role of Jesus with his disciples. They were frightened and discouraged but they found hope and relief with the peace and presence of Jesus.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Using the newspaper, news broadcast, or situations you know about, share ideas about people in the world or your community who might be discouraged. Suggest ways either in prayer or by action that your family might bring hope to these people.

Discussion Starters

1. I remember once I was really discouraged but I found peace when . . .
2. I was a source of peace for someone when . . .
3. I can relate to the "doubting" Thomas, but I have learned . . .