



Life and Faith After Easter

DEVOTIONAL | WEEK 1 | APRIL 27

RECEIVE

Take a moment to quiet your heart. Imagine yourself standing on the shore of the Sea of Galilee or entering the locked room where the disciples are gathered. There is joy in the air, yet it is mixed with uncertainty. What does the resurrection mean for us? It's only been a few days. As you read **John 20:24–21:14**, consider how you might feel just a few days or weeks into the resurrection story.

REFLECT

Doubting Thomas | John 20:24–29

1. Thomas demands tangible evidence: "Unless I see... I will not believe." Have you ever felt the need to see or touch something to believe it? How does Jesus' response to Thomas challenge or comfort you?
2. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." What does faith without sight look like in your life today?
3. Thomas has historically been named, "Doubting Thomas." What role do you think doubt plays in Christian faith?

Purpose and Belief | John 20:30–31

4. John writes that these stories were recorded so we might believe. How has Scripture shaped your own belief?

5. What stories from Scripture have shaped your belief most profoundly? Why?

Breakfast by the Sea | John 21:1–14

6. The disciples return to fishing, an ordinary task, but Jesus meets them there. How have you encountered God showing up during your everyday routines?
7. The miraculous catch of fish reveals Jesus' identity to the disciples. What small "miracles" in your life have helped you recognize God's presence?
8. Jesus invites the disciples to bring their fish and share a meal. How does this act of sharing reflect the nature of resurrection community?

The Invitation to Return

9. Peter leaps from the boat to meet Jesus, full of eagerness and longing. Is there an area of your life where you feel called to leap toward God, even in uncertainty?
10. After the meal, Jesus will ask Peter, "Do you love Me?"—a question that echoes through time. How do you hear that question in your own life, and how might you respond?

BLESSING

God, You came to Your disciples in tangible ways whether through conversation, daily tasks, or doubts. This week please reveal Yourself to us in those same ways. Teach us to find You in our ordinary moments. After the glorious grandiosity of Easter, help us settle into a routine that honors You and keeps Your love and grace before us every single day. Amen.

READ FOR NEXT WEEK



Reading Plan | Peace Be With You

Week 1 | April 27 | John 20

Week 2 | May 4 | John 21