

Reflection for April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

from Jon Metz

Poor Thomas. He always gets a bad rap. We call him “Doubting Thomas.” We think, “Come on Tom! Don’t you have faith? Why didn’t you trust that Jesus would come back?!” It is easy for us, as the reader of this Gospel, to judge. My first instinct is to think that I would not be like Thomas. I would believe that Jesus has risen... but would I? The truth is, if someone walked in the room right now and told me they were the Messiah, I would surely assume that the person is crazy. It would just be too hard to believe. My skepticism would kick in. It is good to be skeptical sometimes... Have you gotten a phone call from an unknown number claiming your car warranty is expired? Ya, me too. Our skepticism often protects us from falsehoods that could hurt us. It can be healthy to be skeptical, but we could also be missing out.

We are all skeptical. Thomas, who I was so quick to judge at first, represents us. Sometimes we find it hard to believe or trust, but that is part of our human nature. Sometimes we doubt. Thomas gets the focus of our judgment, but we need to look at ourselves. When do I choose doubt over faith?

- Do you identify with Thomas?

- What are you skeptical about?

- When have you embraced something on faith alone without physical evidence?