

Home Time is Holy Time  
week of April 11<sup>th</sup>

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – OUR LORD IS RISEN, RISEN INDEED!!



### THE READINGS:

The Epistle: [1 John 1:1-2:2](#)

*'This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.'*

New Testament: [John 20:19-31](#)

### THE SERMON

Our National Cathedral livestreams a service each Sunday at 11:15 Eastern time. You can watch it here:

<https://cathedral.org/worship/>

### A PUPPET SHOW: DOUBTING THOMAS

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/LIACMxMF17](https://youtu.be/LIACMxMF17)

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER (YOUNGERS):

- ✿ Are you a Doubting Thomas sort of person?
- ✿ Do you believe what others tell you?
- ✿ Or do you need to see proof?
- ✿ Before Thomas is with them, Jesus “breathed” on the other disciples, so that they could continue his work. What do you think this felt like to the disciples?

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER (OLDER):

- ✿ Where do you think Thomas was when the other disciples who had gathered saw Jesus? Would you have believed the word of the other disciples without actually seeing Jesus?
- ✿ When Thomas is able to touch Jesus’ wounds, he finally believes. We are asked to believe without being able to “see” or “touch” Jesus. Do you find this hard?
- ✿ Are there times when it is especially hard for you to believe in God? Jesus? What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this for you?



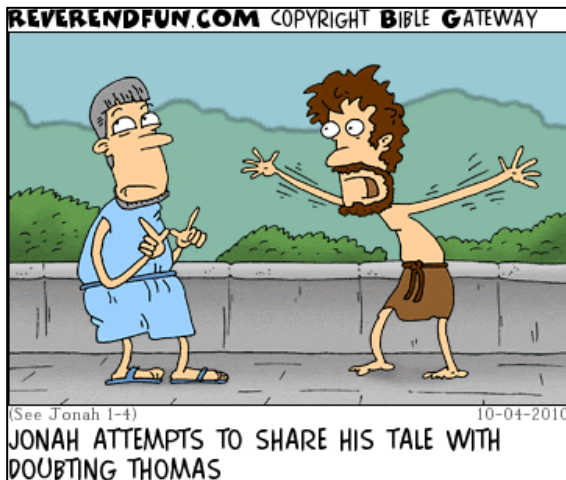
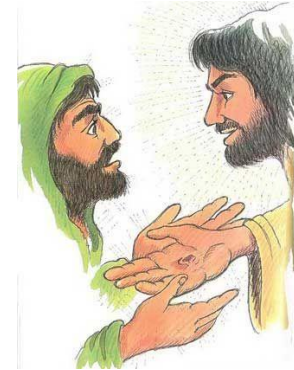
## WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU BELIEVE IN THAT YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY SEE?

<i>That invisible thing</i>	<i>... what if it didn't exist???</i>
Gravity	

## THINGS TO DO:

- ✿ [Watch a video](#) about Easter and don't worry the details too much
- ✿ [and yet another video](#)
- ✿ [and a video about rebirth](#) for a little blue coupe

- ✿ **Play I Doubt It:** Each player prepares by looking for items that can be counted. These could be easy or hard, but you'll need to know the exact number. (Of spoons in the kitchen? Of crayons? Of towel bars? Of some kind of toy? Your mom's pairs of shoes? Of someone's socks?) Have at least



three items written down on a piece of paper for yourself with the proper number. Take turns having others guess the number of an item. Guesses must increase with each turn. Anyone may shout out "I DOUBT IT!" if they think a guess is too high, but if they're wrong, they're out for the rest of the round. Whoever is right gets a point. Winner gets something wonderful like first pick of any leftover jellybeans from last Sunday.

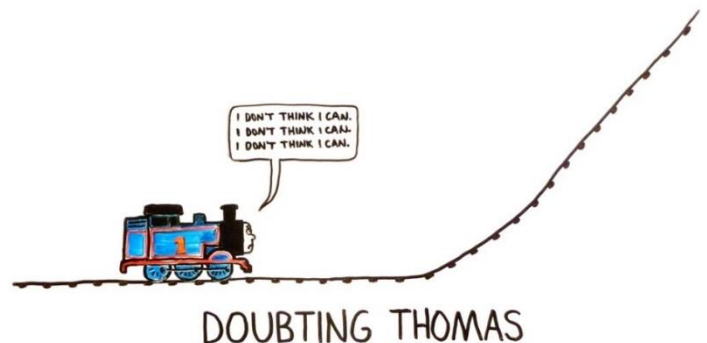
- ✿ **Enjoy the Rembrandt painting below.** In this picture, Jesus is shown as a gardener. Why do you think that is? Does that image work for you?
- ✿ **Get outside and take a moment of quiet:** In the early part of our Doubting Thomas story, Jesus

breathed on the apostles and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He has given them the ability to bless and forgive, just as He can. Go outside and find a nice quiet place to sit by yourself for a few minutes. Take a deep breath. Breath in and out as you think of all of your blessings. Can you feel the Holy Spirit working around and within you?

- ✿ **Spend some time at the table:** Share a time when you or someone in your family was really doubted by everyone around them, and they proved everyone wrong! Or share a time when you or someone in your family doubted someone else, and you were wrong! Or share a time when you or someone in your family really doubted that they could do something, but they did!

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- ✿ **Clean out your clothes:** If the answer to whether or not something still fits is "I Doubt It", then put it in a sack to give away.
- ✿ **Make "I doubt these are fully cooked" lava cakes:** <https://spoonuniversity.com/recipe/molten-chocolate-lava-cakes-for-two>. You don't need any special dishes for this, just divide these into muffin tins. Yum. (The middle WILL be gooey!)





## BOOKS & MOVIES:

### Read Alouds for Youngers:

- ✿ [The Little Engine that Could](#) by Watty Piper
- ✿ [Thomas' Snowsuit](#) by Robert Munsch
- ✿ [The Best Easter Egg Hunt Ever](#) by Dawn Casey:
- ✿ [Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel](#) by Virginia Lee Burton

### Books for Older:

- ✿ [Doubting Thomas](#) by Morris Gleitzman
- ✿ [The Lightning Thief](#) by Rick Riordan
- ✿ [Once and Future King](#) by T.H. White
- ✿ [The Power of One](#) by Bryce Courtenay

### Movies to Watch:

- ✿ [Doubting Thomas](#) (You Tube)
- ✿ [Sword in the Stone](#) (Disney)
- ✿ [A League of Their Own](#) (HBO)
- ✿ [Mighty Ducks](#) (free trial Hulu)



### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Heavenly Father, Let me know the joy of feeling your love surround me. Be the light when my heart feels darkness or doubt. Amen.

## CARTOONS AND JOKES:

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TOMICS by Tom Gould

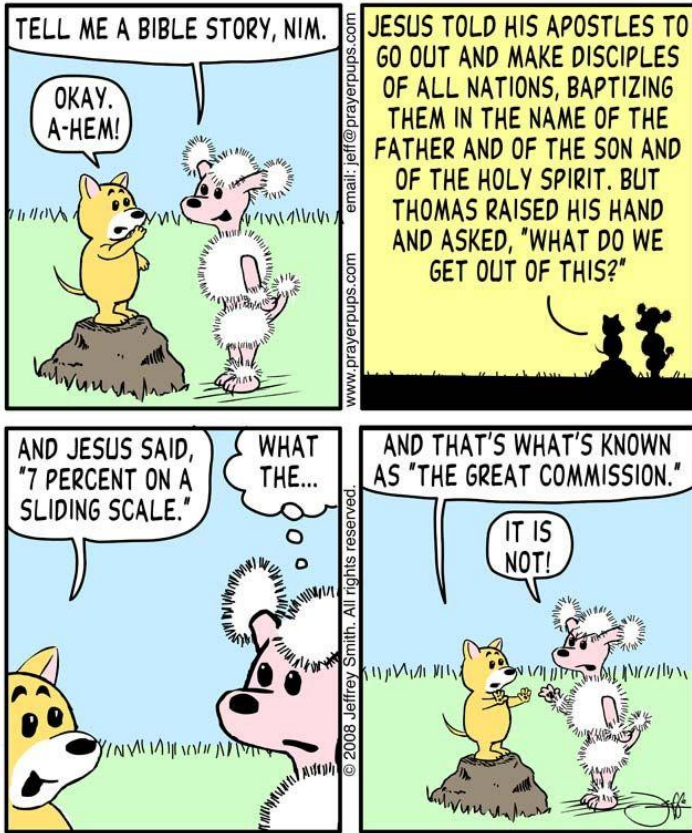


And the rhyme to go with:  
Jesus, Jesus, Rise on Easter,  
Kick the Devil in the Keister!

Have a great week! Stay healthy and take care of each other! Hugs, Nancy 

**MORE CARTOONS:**

**PRAYER PUPS** BY JEFFREY SMITH



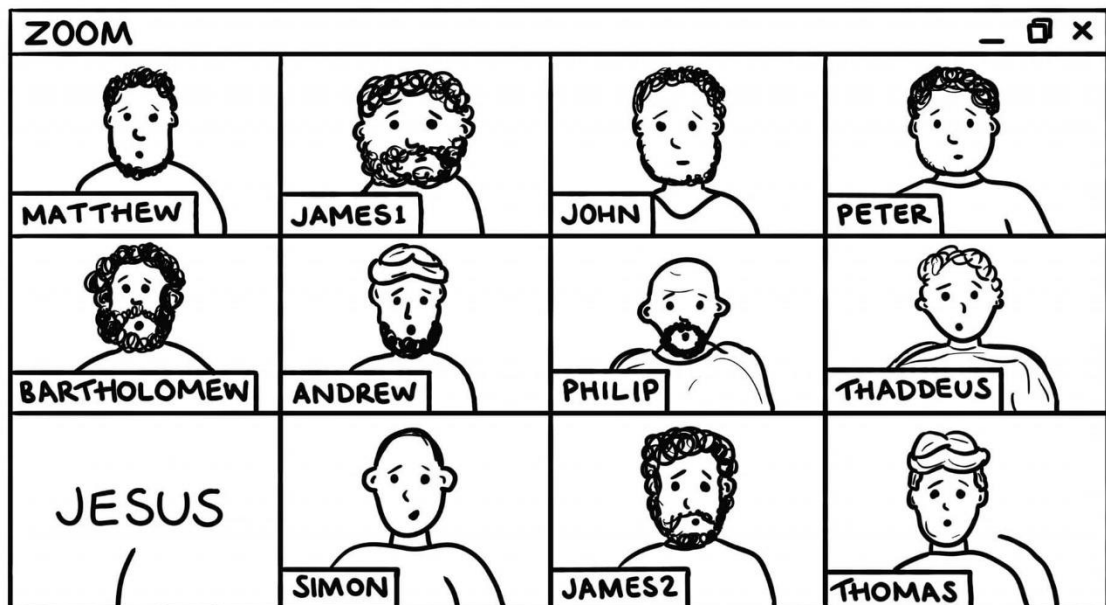
THE GREAT COMMISSION SAYS THAT ALL CHRISTIANS MUST SPREAD GOD'S WORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



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# A FEW MORE CARTOONS:



HEY.

HOW ON EARTH IS HE IN THE MEETING?

UNLESS HE TURNS ON HIS CAMERA, I WILL NOT BELIEVE IT

Tim Wakeling

## AND ONE MORE CARTOON:

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Jesus plays peek-a-boo with doubting Thomas.

## FINE ART TO ENJOY:



Salvador Dalí (1904-1989), *Entitled Thomas*. Lithograph.

## MORE FINE ART TO ENJOY



Rembrandt, *Christ and St. Mary Magdalen at the Tomb*, 1638. Royal Collection, Buckingham Palace, London, England. (Next time you happen to be having tea with the Queen, be sure to ask to see this nice painting!)

STAINED GLASS TO COLOR:



Doubting Thomas, St. Thomas by the Sea, Panama City Beach, FL