



**MY JOURNEY**  
**TO THE EMPTY TOMB**

**John 20:26-31**

**From Conversion to Witness**

1. Salvation (Acts 2:38) is personal. There is no “formula.” Jesus met his “lost” disciples where each of them were. He will do the same for you and me today.

A. Acts 2:38 – Salvation.

B. All fled. Thursday PM.

C. All, but Judas, were “found “by Jesus:

1. Mary and the women. J 20:15-17

2. Two on the Emmaus Road. Lk 24:32

3. Peter. Lk 24:34

4. The 10 disciples (Thomas not there) J 20:20f

5. Thomas. J 20:25-27

D. Can you relate?

2. We can “read” Thomas’ thoughts by his emotions and his actions. His thoughts “moved him” away from everyone, even the hope of a risen Savior. He mattered to Christ.

“Ruminate” – to think deeply about something.

A. Thomas – isolation? v26.

B. Thomas – emotion filled, v 25.

C. Thursday night? John 14:

- V1. ...Believe in God...in Me
- V6. ... way, truth, life
- V18. ... orphans

D. What about you and me? “Read “yourself?”

3. There is no greater evidence that Jesus is alive than a believer who has a “reframed” view of life, post crisis; and, that view becomes their life-purpose.

• Jn 20:28-31

1. Thomas was martyred for his faith in India.
2. Thomas later was proclaimed “St Thomas” to the Syrian Christians in India.
3. Apostle of India.
4. Patron Saint of architects, builders, and stone masons.

- The story of Thomas is written to help us believe. Would you let the story help you believe today?
- Jn. 20:28-29 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (ESV)
- Jn. 20:30-31













## Next Steps

- A. 20 in 24. Take 20 minutes a day to read the Bible and pray in 2024. **Get back on the track!**
- B. Will you share your story of Jesus with one person this coming week?
- C. Will you ask the Holy Spirit to identify how your “thought-life” might be impacting your witness for Jesus?