

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

John 20:19-31

2nd Sunday
of Easter

How would you feel if your friends said that they had seen Jesus and he had been in the room with them. Would you believe them or would you think that they were trying to trick you?

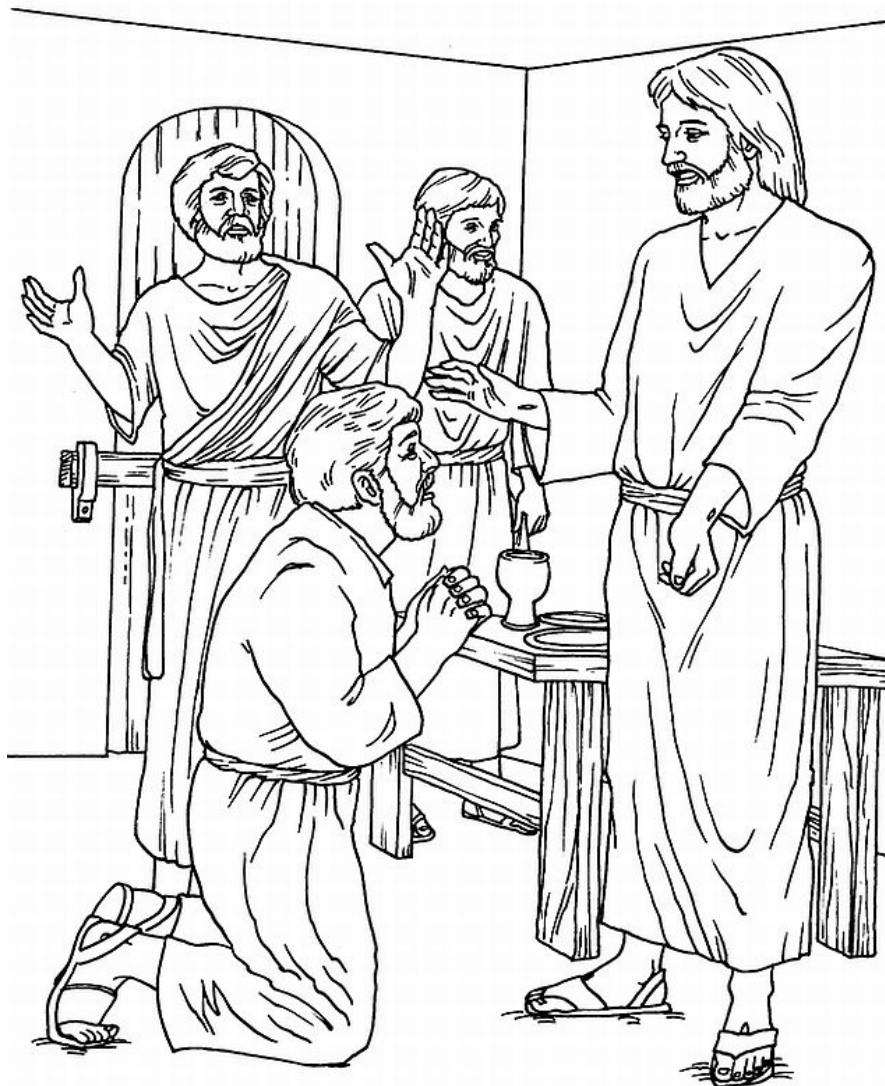
Thomas wanted proof for him-

self. He wanted to touch the wounds in the feet and side of Jesus before he would believe.

And Jesus came.

Thomas, of course, believed when he saw Jesus. How

lovely it would be for us if we had been there as well. But Jesus says we are blessed because even though we have not seen Jesus we believe in him. We know that he died and rose again. This is what we celebrate at Easter.



S X S K L T A J U I T J F Z P
 G M V E M M Y Y P B B N E U B
 I H B Y L D C T E E W H A W K
 B N O C E O J U S J F G R K S
 S B B K S E H N A O U V R P Z
 B E C G S X G U R N B E N L K
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 P W A M E O L B D A R L Y O J
 F F I N T Y M J U H I E H U L
 D M E T Z M W A Q O T B J L B
 F S R O O D S O S G D I P K M
 S R O O M K E M F Z D A B W C
 W O U N D S S E L P I C S I D

BELIEVE	JESUS
DISCIPLES	JEWS
DOORS	JOY
DOUBTING	LOCKED
FEAR	ROOM
FORGIVENESS	SIGNS
HAPPY	SPIRIT
HOLES	THOMAS
HOLY	WOUNDS



The Easter Candle

The Great Easter Candle was lit at the Easter Vigil from the bonfire lit at the back of the church. It is carried into a dark church. From this candle all the candles in the church are lit one by one.

The picture shows an old candle, can you see the year written on it?

The symbols at the top and bottom are the Greek symbols for Alpha and Omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) and remind us that God is the beginning and the end of everything.

The five metal parts in the shape of a cross contain grains of incense and remind us of the spices used to prepare the body of Jesus for burial and of the five wounds.

The Easter Candle is lit each day during Mass throughout the Easter season until Ascension Thursday.

The Easter Candle will also be lit during the year at times of Baptism and Funerals.