

What's up with Thomas?

Today's gospel reading brings us the story of Thomas.

He was one of Jesus' twelve disciples and, based on today's reading, he is commonly known as "doubting Thomas".

In the story, Thomas was being very honest when he expressed his doubts about Jesus being alive, and in doing so, he made himself vulnerable in front of the other disciples.

It would have been much easier for Thomas not to voice his doubts and draw attention to his questions.

But he did, and through this, he experienced the risen Christ in a powerful way which changed his life.

Doubt is often presented as being the opposite of faith.

But it is often through doubts that our faith grows. It is not sinful to have honest doubts about things.

On the contrary, our questions and doubts can form the pathway to renewed faith.

This story about Thomas encourages us to ask God the hard questions.

It reminds us that it is important for all of us to have a personal relationship with Jesus and not just follow what someone else has told us.

It also reminds us that Jesus is with us always and knows our questions and our doubts – and loves us just the same!

So, what doubts do you have?

Don't be afraid of them.

Bring them to Jesus and allow Him to give you the answers.