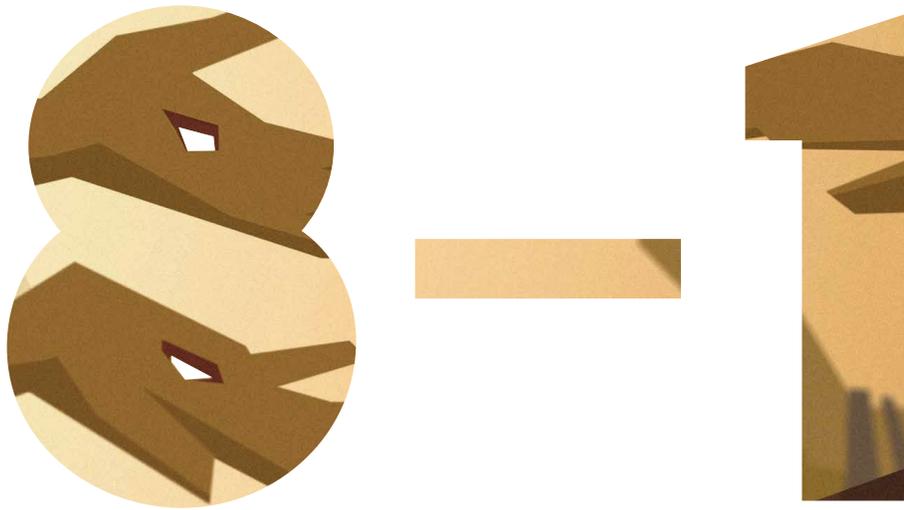


# THE STORY Q's

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# NEW WAY TO BE HUMAN

Read through John 20:19-31 together.

**Q1** We read that “Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came.” A week later, when Jesus appears again, Thomas is with them.

**A** **Why do you suppose that is?** While we have no way of knowing the exact reason behind Thomas’ presence and absence, try to put yourself in Thomas’ place and come up with possibilities for how Thomas was feeling and reacting in the wake of his Lord’s death.

**B** **Why were his reactions different from the other disciples?**

**Q2** Thomas requests to see Jesus with his own eyes before believing: “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” Ironically, if he had been there with the disciples earlier, he would have received the visual proof he wanted.

**A** **Why does Thomas get chastised?**  
**Was it wrong for him to seek visual proof?** Why or why not?

**B** **As Christians who don’t have access to Jesus’ physical body, where can we look for “proof” that Christ is who He says He is?** Hint: read John 20:30-31

**C** **Is there a “wrong” way to look for proof?** Why or why not?

**Q3** Although Thomas begins in doubt, he ends by declaring, “My Lord and my God!” Describe a time in your life when you experienced serious doubt in your faith.

**What was it that you were doubting?**

**Was your doubt resolved? What happened?**

# SO WHAT?

**POSSIBLE ACTIVITY: Hand out index cards for the following questions:**

**Together, read John 1:12-13, Romans 8:15-17, Ephesians 1:13-14, and Hebrews 2:14-16.**

On an index card, write out one way the resurrection has radical implications for you.  
"Because of Christ's resurrection, I \_\_\_\_\_."

**Together, read John 13:34-35.**

On your index card, write out the names of two or three specific people you feel God is asking you to love well, by the power of the resurrection. These shouldn't necessarily be people who are "easy" for you to love.

**Together, read Acts 1:3-8.**

What is your "Jerusalem," your "Judea and Samaria," your "ends of the earth"? On your index card, write out three areas where you think God is asking you to advance His Kingdom. Include at least one area that is outside of your comfort zone.