



**Title | *Disappointment with God***  
**Series | *Now I See***  
**Text | *John 20:24-31***  
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# Sermon Notes

John 20:24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. *ESV*

## **Big Idea:**

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John 20:29

"... Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

*ESV*

## ***For Reflection & Application:***

### ***Monday:***

Read John 11:11-16 and John 14:1-5. What do these passages suggest concerning the kind of person Thomas is?

### ***Tuesday:***

Read Matthew 20:18-19. Jesus said these things to the twelve disciples weeks before his crucifixion. Things unfolded just like Jesus said they would. Now, read John 20:24-31. Why was Thomas so disappointed and doubtful following the crucifixion?

### ***Wednesday:***

When was the last time you were disappointed with God? Looking back, why do you think you were disappointed? Did God fail to do what he promised? Have your wishes ever blinded you to God's word?

### ***Thursday:***

Reread John 20:29. In what ways are those who believe in Jesus blessed, according to his word? List as many blessings as you can. Why is it important to let these blessings from his word (and not our wishes) govern our expectations of God?

### ***Friday:***

Reread John 20:19-28. Why do you think Jesus replays the scene from a week earlier and then replays the conditions for belief spoken by Thomas? What does this tell you about the kind of person Jesus is and how he relates to you?

### ***Daily Prayer:***

Lord, help me today to align my expectations with your word, not my wishes.

Thank you that the promises in your word are far bigger and better than my wishes.

Amen.