

“Life’s Not Fair!”

Based on John 20:24-29 (NIV)
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John 20:24-25

24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "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."

† On Easter night, Jesus came to his frightened and disheartened disciples, but Thomas is absent.

John 20:26-28

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

† This story stands as a promise to us that we, too, will experience the grace of God in Jesus.

† I usually only worry about what is fair when it deals with me.

† Thomas was being selfish, only focusing on himself, when in reality, he was not being fair to Jesus.

† The center of my life is to be God through Jesus, not myself.

John 20:29 - Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

† When I place God through Jesus at the center of my life, I receive blessedness.

† If life was fair, each one of us would be a lot worse off.

† God’s plan for me is much wiser, and better, than any plan I can come up with for myself.

† God is always with me through the Holy Spirit.

† Life is not fair.

† I have been blessed by God much more than I deserve.

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† When have I been treated unfairly in life?

† When have I been treated more than fair?

† How am I blessed more than I deserve?

† What am I doing with those blessings?