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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

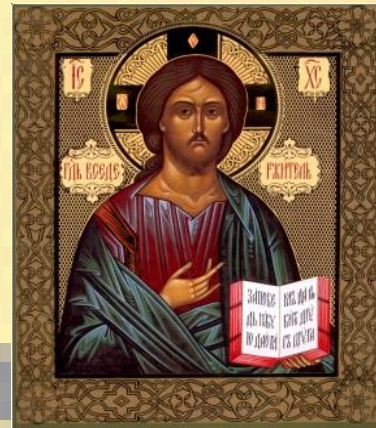
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



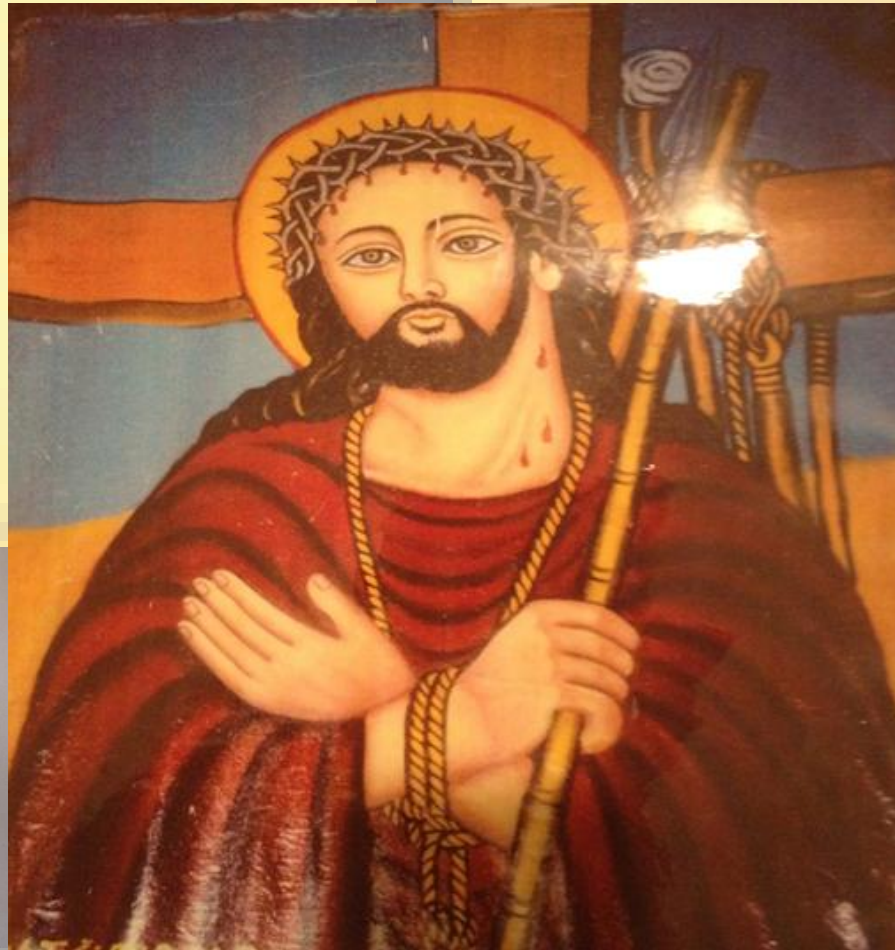
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

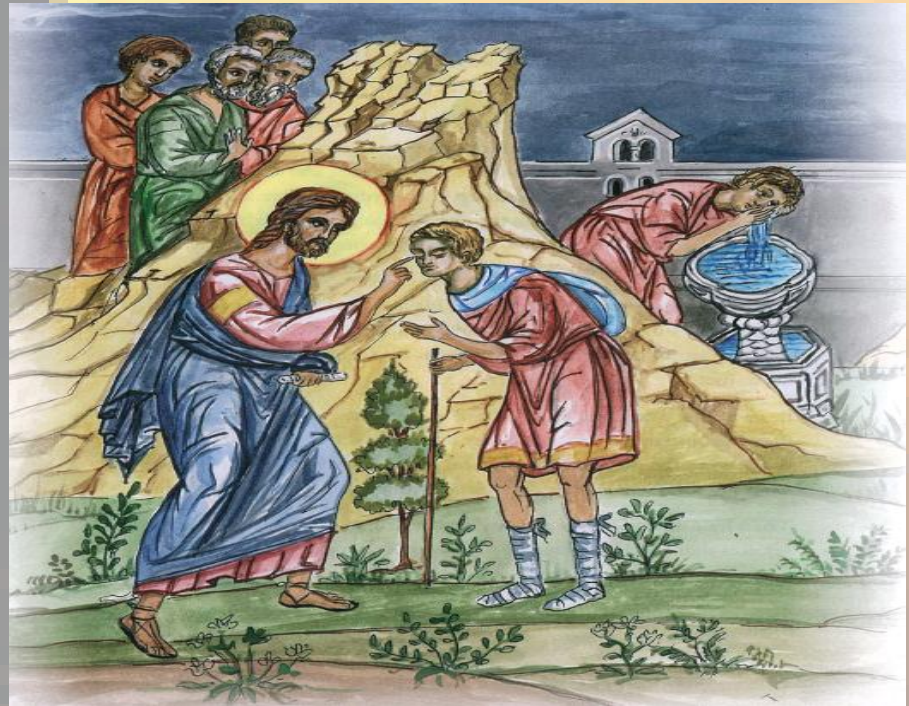
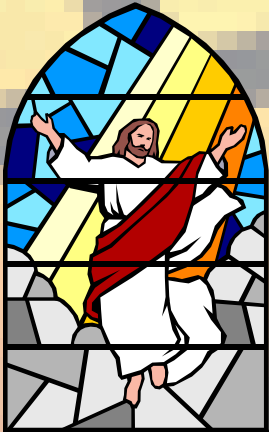


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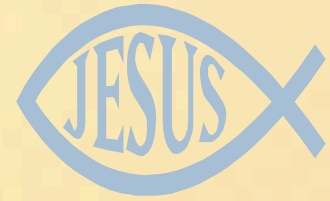
**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

“Your faith has made you well”.
(Mark 10:52)






Review



1. Why did the crowd follow Jesus? (For Healings and miracles)
2. Who was sitting by the roadside begging? (Bartimaeus the blind man)
3. Why was he calling out to Jesus Christ? (He wanted to be healed)
4. What did he say when Jesus asked him what he wanted? (Rabbi, I want to see)
5. What did Jesus Christ say to him when he healed him? (Your faith has healed you)
6. What did he do after being healed? (He followed Jesus)

Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Doubting Thomas



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Memorize today's Verse

**“Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”
(John 20: 27)**

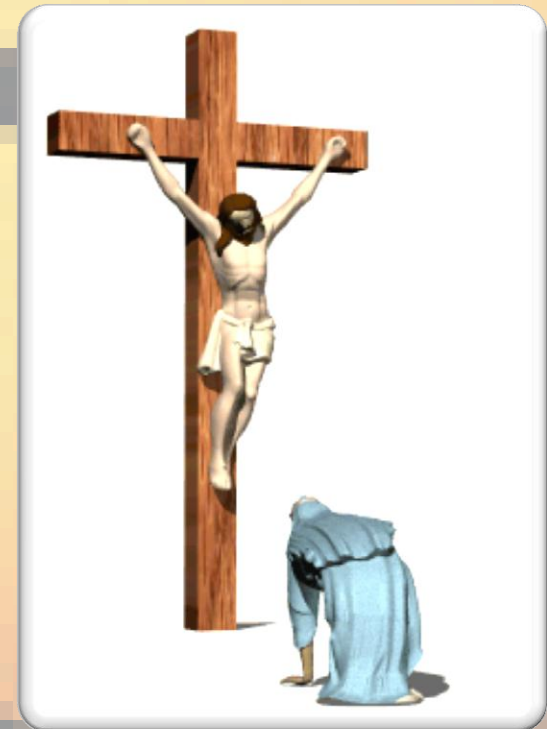


**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**



RESURRECTION

- After our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on the Cross.
- He was Buried
- He rose from the dead on the 3rd day.



CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!



- **Jesus' disciples were gathered in a closed room three days after the death of Jesus Christ.**
- **Who are the disciples?**

Disciples are followers of Jesus Christ whom He chose to teach the people in His name.

How many disciples did He choose?



Peace be with you

- His disciples were scared of the Jews
- They stayed together in a room, praying.
- Suddenly Jesus Christ appeared in the middle of them without going through any doors.
- Jesus:
 - "Peace be with you."

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He showed them His Wounds.

- Jesus showed them His hands and His side.
- Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
- Jesus said to them again:
 - “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

Jesus Ordained Priests

- He breathed on them and said:
 - "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
- 12 disciples became Priests with the Holy Spirit able to forgive sins through Confession.



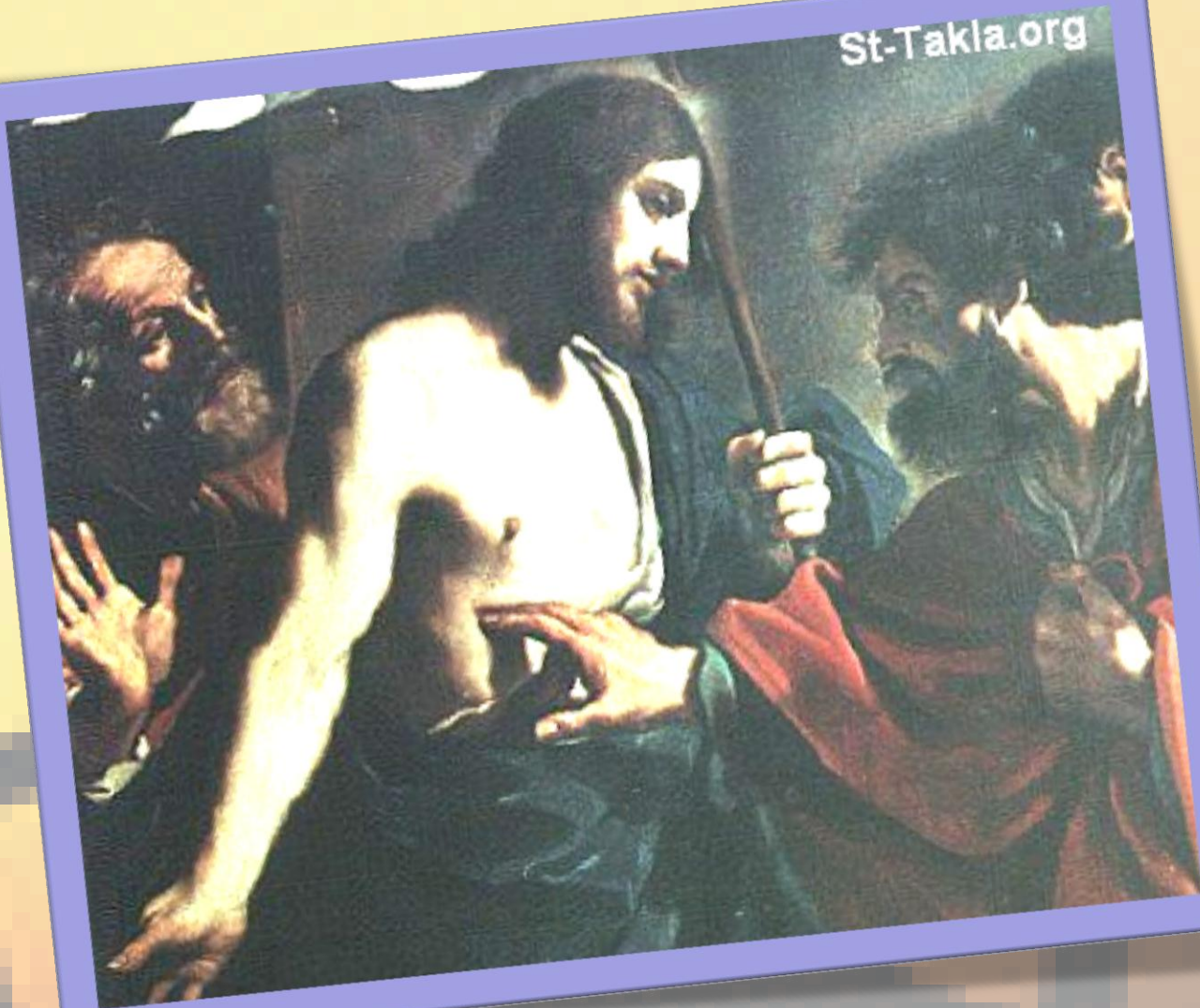
Thomas

- Now Thomas, was not with them when Jesus came the first time.
- When Thomas came back they told him that they saw Jesus Christ.
- Thomas :
 - “ Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

8 days later

- 8 days later, all the disciples were inside and Thomas was with them.
- Jesus came appeared again to them in the room even-though the **doors were shut**.
- Jesus called for Thomas:
 - **“Peace to you!”**
 - Thomas **“Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side.”**
 - **“Do not be unbelieving, but believing”**

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My Lord and my God

- Thomas:
 - “My Lord and my God”
- Jesus:
 - “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

- A lot of people today won't believe that our Lord Jesus Christ really rose from the grave because they haven't seen him with their own two eyes. They want "proof of identity" before they will believe. Jesus said, "***Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed.***"
- How about you? Do you have to have "proof of identity" before you will believe in Jesus, or will you accept him by faith?

Conclusion

- Thomas doubted looking to see Christ
- Jesus appeared especially for Thomas who was seeking Him.
- Thomas increased in **FAITH!**
 - **Jesus** = MY LORD !!
 - **Jesus** = MY GOD !!



Very Early Sunday Morning



Very early Sunday morning
While the guards were still asleep
Jesus has risen declaring
Victory no more defeat

Resurrection is my song
Resurrection gave me life
Resurrection made me strong
Jesus, my Lord is alive

Jesus is risen in glory
Heaven and earth sang and praised
And the angel told the story
He is risen as He said

While they gathered in the room
Jesus Christ Himself appeared
He Said My peace I gave to you
And My peace with you I leave

But Thomas did not believe
What the disciples had seen
So Jesus again appeared
Showed Him the place of the spear

Jesus My victorious Lord
Conquered the powers of Hades
And the thorns of death He broke
My salvation He declared

The heavenly hosts were singing
Welcoming our glorious Lord
And the joy is overwhelming
He opened the doors of hope

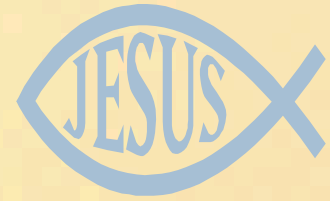


Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Pop Quiz



- 1) When did Jesus rise from the dead?
- 2) Who told the women who came to the tomb that Jesus was risen? Angel of the Lord
- 3) Who did Jesus appear to in a closed room?
- 4) Who was not present when He appeared to the disciples for the first time?
- 5) What did Jesus say to Thomas when He appeared to the disciples the 2nd time?

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Song

Aman be-aman (4)

Tensea emine mutan (4)

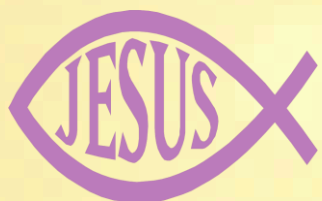
Meaning:

Truly, Truly, he is risen from the dead.

The End

Next Week

We will learn about the
Ascension of our Lord Jesus
Christ.





May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

