

BY HIS WOUNDS Pr.Victor Barreira

John 20:27 *Then Jesus said to 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.”*



A. SO A MAN THINKS THEREFORE HE IS

- Thomas represents the negative in us. Probably his dad said “Cmon, what are you doing leaving home to follow a fanatical rabbi?”
- Wrong words distort our perception. Other’s unbelief can taint our faith if we’re not careful. God says that we walk not by sight but by faith. But even in our times of unbelief, in His mercy and love for us, He will reach out show us visible signs that He indeed is alive and working in our lives right now.

B. THE WOUNDS

- In this life, wounds are inevitable. When you’re in a war, eventually you will be hurt. We are in a spiritual war...against ‘powers of darkness and rulers in high places.’ (Eph. 6) The enemy uses words as darts in our hearts and minds intending to steal God’s powerful life from us.
- Jesus understands what it feels like to be mocked, rejected, slapped, misunderstood...etc. You are not a stranger in your suffering. You have a very understanding God who loves you and will comfort you in those times as you call out to him.

C. THE TOUCH

- The wounded side of Jesus represents our very inner-being, our spirit being wounded.
- In ministry, home, and work, we too will be wounded, but the good news is that Christ not only took these wounds upon himself, but he also took away the hurt of these wounds to only leaves the scar!
- Doubting Thomas touched a wound, yet Jesus didn’t wince at the touch. This represents how Christ has passed through the pain of suffering and brought out total healing...which is now available to us! By His wounds we are healed (*1Peter 2:24*). Now you can take every hurtful situation to Jesus’ wounds, and by faith receive healing to your spirit, soul, and body.

D. HOW TO PRAY

- Praying in this fashion is very deep because it requires us to be honest with our feelings and hurts with God. Tell him how you’re feeling and take it to the cross.
- When you pray in this way, it is Him that will do the work in you. Leave it with him as He will honor the work of the cross. You will soon see that your wounds will only be a scar!