SEEING IS BELIEVING?

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JOHN 20:24-29 (NIVUK)

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John 20:30-31a



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Thomas initially doubted the resurrection of Jesus until he saw Jesus for himself. Have you ever struggled with doubt in your faith? How did you overcome it or how are you working through it?

2. In what areas of your life do you need to trust God more fully, even when the circumstances make it difficult to see His hand at work?

3. What are some ways you can live out your belief in Jesus despite not having seen Him physically?