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**The famous story of doubting Thomas. Our Gospel and the other readings talk to us about the new way of life that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus bring us. The glory of the risen Christ transforms us and the way we go about living our lives. In an odd way the resurrection does not change much, but fulfills all of our hopes, dreams and expectations. We come to know when Jesus appears to the Apostles that we become united in God's life for all time forever, and that our new approach begins right here, right now when we accept in faith that Jesus' death and our death is only the beginning of a glorious life that we can and should aim for. In the risen Christ we see, we have and we share Life itself when we listen to the resurrection accounts in Sacred Scripture, when we read about the life of the early Church community. And we have Jesus with us alive today sharing all we have, all we are and all we want to be, as alive for us now in the Holy Eucharist, as He is when Thomas puts his hand into the nail marks and side of His glorified body. Encountering Christ as He Himself tells us, is to experience His blessed peace. We are sent. We witness the gift of Life and peace when we follow Christ's directive to forgive one another in the Holy Spirit. Thomas makes it clear for us. Our lives in Christ are spiritual lives for sure, and our holiness and our own resurrection takes root in the here and now when we live as hopeful Resurrection people. All hope for wholeness, healing and freedom comes to us when we see the Resurrected Christ in our own wounds and in the world's brokenness. Through Him we are brought to eternal life in the Divine Power to overcome everything that is wrong with our limited, simply earthly lives. When we proclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and My God," the Holy Spirit is with us showing us Christ lives in our minds and hearts and souls, always inviting us through this life with Him into our eternal glory.**