

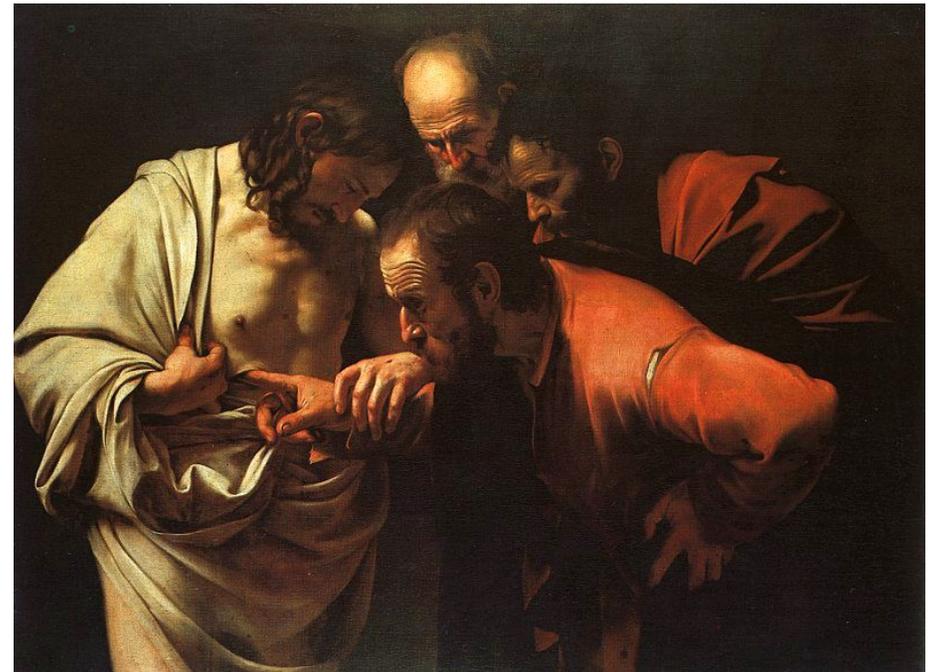
Discussion Questions

1. What do these passages above tell us about the significance of Christ's wounds?

2. Why would you guess that Christ's risen body still contains certain marks of His Passion?

3. How are Christ's glorious wounds signs for us? How can they heal our wounds and make of our wounds channels of grace for both ourselves and others?

THE GLORIOUS WOUNDS OF JESUS



Scriptural Passages about the Wounds of Jesus

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? . . . All who see me mock at me, they make mouths at me, they wag their heads; ‘He committed his cause to the LORD; let him deliver him!’ . . . I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax, it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. Yes, dogs are round about me; a company of evildoers encircle me; they have pierced my hands and feet—I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” —Ps 22:1, 7-8, 14-18

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.”
—Is 53:5

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls.” —1 Pet 2:24-25

“Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when He had said this He showed them His hands and His feet.” —Lk 24:38-40

“Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But He said to them, ‘Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe.’ Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.’ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “You have believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” —Jn 20:24-29

“Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh. . .” —Heb 10:19-20