

**W.DJ.D. (What Did Jesus Do?)**  
**Proof Makes Preachers**

**Summary:** *Jesus' work was done, but the disciples work was only getting started. But before Jesus returned to heaven there was still work to be done. So as that first Easter came to an end, Jesus appeared to the disciples. He wanted to assure them of what he had done, remember what he had said, and equip them with the Holy Spirit for the work that was now theirs.*

- Luke 24:36-49 - *While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

Before he left, Jesus leaves no **doubt!**

- Eyewitness testimony
- Prophecies fulfilled
- Promises made/kept

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- John 15:26-27 - *"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.*
- Matthew 28:18-20 - *18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
- 2 Corinthians 5:14,20-21 - *14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died..20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Until he returns, we are to leave no **doubt.**

### **Points To Ponder**

1. What doubts/objections to Christianity do you hear the most often? How might today's message deal with those doubts?
2. From an intellectual perspective, which of the three proofs did you find most compelling for the truth of Jesus' resurrection?
3. Read the story of Doubting Thomas in John 20:24-31. How are you like Thomas? What is Jesus saying to you in verse 29?

Homework: Romans 13:1-7