

Believe



Resurrection
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Matthew 28:12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers 13 and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ 14 And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”

Active Unbelief –
Rejection despite
evidence

Matthew 28:8 The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message.

9 And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to Him, grasped His feet, and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see Me there."

Devoted
Belief

John 20:19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” He said. 20 **As He spoke, He showed them the wounds in His hands and His side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!**

**Shaken Disbelief –
Fear even after
evidence**

John 21:3 Simon Peter said,
“I’m going fishing.”

“We’ll come, too,” they all said.
So, they went out in the boat,
but they caught nothing all
night.

4 At dawn Jesus was standing
on the beach, but the disciples
couldn’t see who He was.

5 He called out, “Have you
caught any fish?”

Shaken Disbelief –
Fear even after
evidence

John 20:25 But Thomas replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.”

26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” He said. 27 Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at My hands. Put your hand into the wound in My side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

Honest Doubt –
Seeking
understanding

Luke 24: 28 By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, 29 but they begged Him, “Stay the night with us, since it is getting late.” So, He went home with them. 30 As they sat down to eat, He took the bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and gave it to them. 31 Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And at that moment He disappeared!

**Burning Heart
Belief –
Embraced
reality**

Where is your
Belief?



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Risen Jesus, I accept
Your life today in place
of my sin.

I turn from my sin to
follow You.

Please, save my soul,
today.

Fill me with the spirit of
Jesus today, that I may
walk in newness of life.



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