

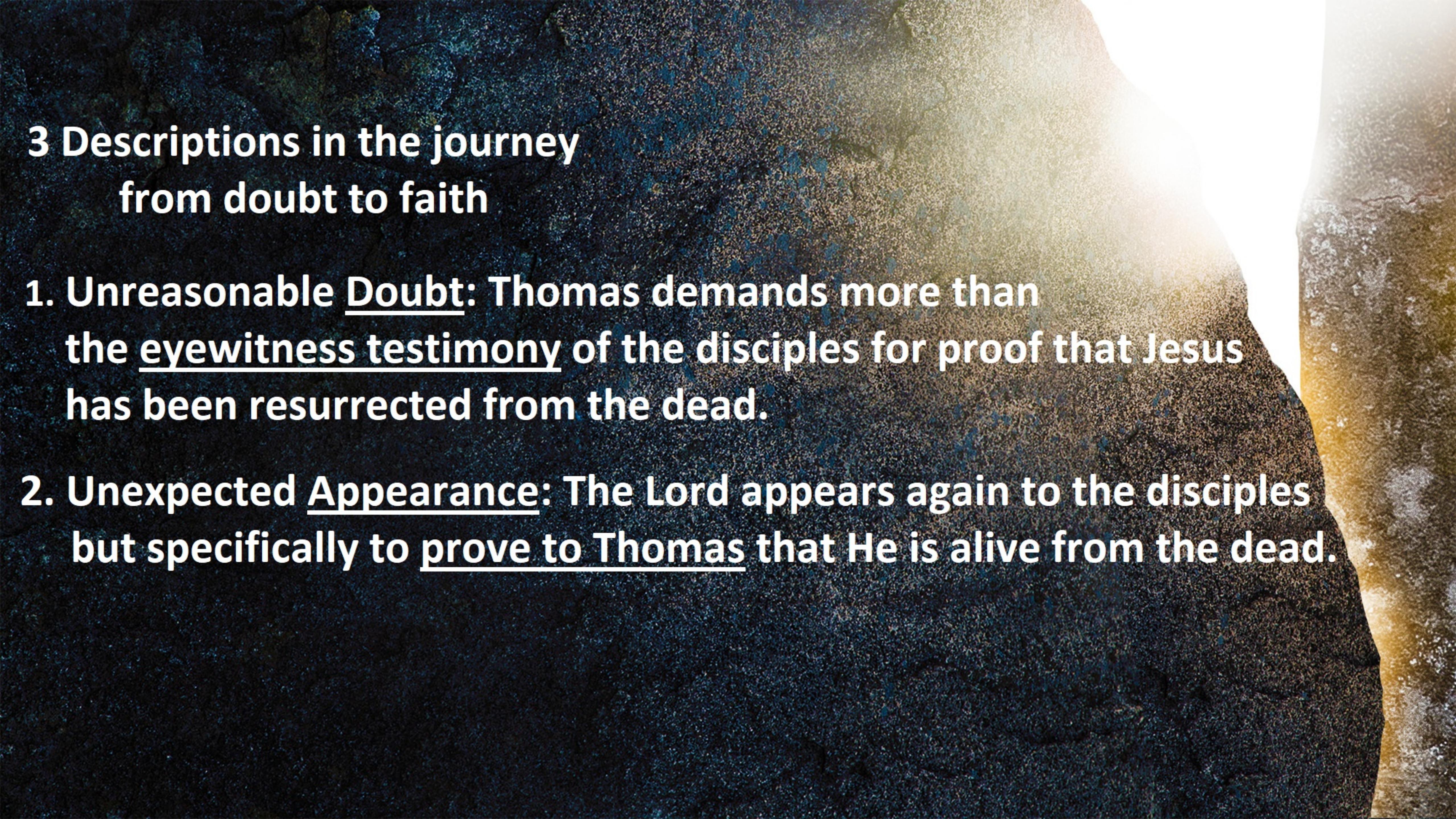
Resurrection Sunday

"The Resurrection Effect"
John 20:24-29

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- Thomas refused to believe the testimony of *many* witnesses and *reliable* witnesses.
- Thomas made an extreme demand for evidence, not only *sight* but of *touch* of the wounds of Jesus.
- Thomas steadfastly refused to believe unless these conditions were met.

The background of the slide features a dramatic, low-key lighting photograph of a scene from the Last Supper. In the center, the figure of Jesus is visible, though mostly in shadow, with a bright light source behind him creating a strong lens flare effect. He appears to be standing and gesturing towards his apostles. The apostles are shown in various states of awe and disbelief, some looking up at Jesus while others look down or to the side. The setting is a simple, rustic room with dark walls and a wooden table.

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3. Unseen Faith: Salvation in Christ is available to those who have faith without sight.

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