

JESUS APPEARED TO THE DISCIPLES

Luke 24:36-39 NIV

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Luke 24:9-11 NIV

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Luke 24:25 NIV

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

Luke 24:40-43 NIV

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.

Three Kinds of Doubt

Intellectual Doubt - Can this be true?

Relational Doubt - Can I trust God?

Self Doubt – Have I done enough?

The path to growing in faith always leads through doubt to Jesus.

Luke 24:43 NIV

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."

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The bodily resurrection of Jesus affirmed the value of the material world.

Luke 24:45-49 NIV

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, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ 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."

Because Jesus is risen, every aspect of life on earth takes on new purpose.