

## *Stop Doubting and Believe*

### *Luke 24:1-8 & 38-43*

Doubt is the greatest hindrance to \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship to God. The resurrection of Jesus confirms just how important it is for us to stop doubting God's power for us.

The theme of Luke 24:1-8 and 38-43 is overcoming doubt. Both the \_\_\_\_\_ who went to prepare Jesus' body and His \_\_\_\_\_ struggled to believe. God offered \_\_\_\_\_ to help them overcome their doubt. Above all else, His followers needed to overcome the \_\_\_\_\_ defect of doubt.

We too struggle with doubt, but the resurrection helps. Jesus' death on the cross purchased \_\_\_\_\_ of sins and our eternal home with the Father in heaven. The resurrection proved that God could make good His promise of \_\_\_\_\_ over death and \_\_\_\_\_ life.

But can we keep from doubting this amazing event that we didn't \_\_\_\_\_? First, remember that there is much \_\_\_\_\_ for the resurrection of Jesus. Additionally, \_\_\_\_\_ your relationship to Christ through His word and prayer.

The resurrection proves not only that God will not just raise us up \_\_\_\_\_, but He can resurrect us \_\_\_\_\_ from all our tombs of hopelessness, unforgiveness, and despair about sin.

When you feel hopeless, like Paul you can say, "I will boast all the more gladly about \_\_\_\_\_ weaknesses, so that \_\_\_\_\_ power may rest on me." When burdened by unforgiveness and bitterness, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead \_\_\_\_\_ us to forgive one another.

The greatest power of God that the resurrection proves, however, is that God can make good on His promise of \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to eternal life. The availability of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God requires us to stop doubting and believe. That Jesus can give you salvation and eternal life; that you can do all things – gain victory, fully forgive—through Him who gives you strength.

So, stop \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.