

## RESURRECTION UNBELIEVERS

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**Luke 24:1-12** - The disciples refused to believe Christ was risen

All the Disciples experience disappointment and unbelief while Jesus was in the grave

Didn't believe even when told by those who had seen Him  
Peter saw empty tomb and went away wondering

Peter had adamantly expressed his belief while serving with Jesus

He even walked on water with Jesus

Said Jesus was the Son of God

But even after Last Supper, Jesus said Peter didn't believe

***Mark 14:31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.***

Jesus told Peter he was still not converted

***Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.***

Converted - like a horse with a bit. Head turned, feet not

Peter ran away from the mob

Denied Him at the trial

Somewhere . . . Peter really believed

John saw empty tomb and burial shroud and believed in John 20:8

The disciples couldn't believe Jesus was alive until He showed them His flesh and ate fish and honeycomb with them.

They believed before He was crucified . . . not completely.

Their faith was tested while he was in the grave

Now their faith was tested to believe He was really alive.

He had told them He would be killed and raised

We have seen and felt His power; yet are we converted

Thomas only believed after touching the wounds in Jesus's resurrected flesh

Just to get him to touch the wounds, Jesus had to prod him

***John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.***

Judas Iscariot served in Jesus's ministry for years

Kept the money for the ministry

Betrayed Him to His enemies for 30 pieces of silver

Judas saw the truth and believed too late

Imagine the horror of finding out the real truth and knowing you will never be part of it

Devils believe and tremble

When a person is truly converted, they won't hesitate to come down aisle and confess Him.

Not make a speech but identify yourself as His disciple

They will HURRY to be baptized

They will WANT to read His Word

They will WANT to know His Will for their life

They will TAKE up their cross and follow Him.

I can never recall a time when I didn't believe in Jesus and in God

Yet there was a time when I truly believed in Him as my Saviour and friend.

Since then, there were many moments of unbelief and even rebellion.

Through all that, He has remained a faithful friend and guide.