Introduction

Shock, horror and disbelief
When the women came to the tomb on Sunday morning, they were not expecting a resurrection.

How did Jesus bring them from DOUBT to FAITH?

How does Jesus bring us from DOUBT to FAITH?

I. By many convincing proofs.

“After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.” Acts 1:3

Consider the evidence:

• A Dead Body
• An Empty Tomb
  Who moved the stone?
  What happened to the body?
• The Grave Clothes
  The grave clothes themselves were empty.
• Jesus’ Resurrection Appearances
  More than a dozen over a 40 day period and beyond
  In a physical body
  Eyewitness reports
• Changed Lives of the Apostles – from fear to faith
• The Birth of the Church

“The resurrection was not created by the church; rather the church was created by the resurrection.”
Darrell Bock

“Only the Easter fact can provide an adequate cause for the Easter faith.”
Merrill Tenney

II. By the Word of God – the Scriptures.

• “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”
• “Remember how he told you?”
• Then they remembered his words.

Which explanation best fits the evidence?
At least three times in Luke’s Gospel, Jesus had plainly told them what was going to happen to him.

- On the way to Jerusalem – Luke 18:31-34

"Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again." The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about."


- Jesus rebuked them because they did not believe the Scriptures.

"He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." Luke 24:25-27

- Then they remembered his words.

The Disciples in the Upper Room – Luke 24:36-49

- “Why do doubts rise in your mind? Touch me and see.”
- Then he took them to the Scriptures.

"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." "Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures." Luke 24:44-45
If anyone had a high view of Scripture, it was Jesus.

- “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” Matthew 24:35
- “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32
- “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” John 17:17

Conclusion

How does Jesus bring us from DOUBT to FAITH?

- By many convincing proofs.
- By the power of His Word.

God keeps his promises!