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## From Doubt to Assurance of Resurrection

John 20:24-29

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Easter celebrates the glorious resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is the greatest event in human history. If the cross is the beginning of true faith, the resurrection is the beginning of true discipleship. You can't be a true disciple of the Lord without being convinced of the resurrection. When you are convinced of the resurrection, you are empowered to rise up in the face of any adversity. A revolutionary change takes place in your life.

As you reflect on the past week, share some of your most memorable Engaging the Lost experiences.

1. Why did Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, not believe in Jesus' resurrection? (v. 25). Do I believe that Jesus rose from the dead? If you find it difficult to believe in the resurrection, why?
2. How does Thomas confess after meeting the risen Lord (v. 28)? What are some of the effects or changes that have occurred in my life since I believed in the resurrection of Jesus? What changes still need to occur before the Lord's resurrection?
3. The best evidence that Jesus is risen is the biblical record and the transformed lives of the disciples who risked their lives. Today, the most practical way we can witness to Jesus' resurrection is by living as believers in his resurrection. Pray for each other that our lives will be a witness to his resurrection.

**Thomas Arnold (1795-1842), Professor of History, University of Oxford**

I have been for many years studying the history of the past, and examining the facts of it, and examining the writings and antiquities which have been written about it, to ascertain whether they are true or not.

But I have not seen in the history of mankind a fact more clearly and fully comprehensible than the sign which God has given us, namely, that Christ died and rose again.