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Easter graphic on ½ of screen w/question below on other half:

Do you **believe** Jesus rose from the dead?

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When it comes to Jesus, do not stop with **belief**.

### Video

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**Belief** is not the **best** (nor the only) part of Christianity.

### Matthew 27:57-61

When it was evening, a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph came, who himself had also become a **disciple of Jesus**. He approached Pilate and asked for Jesus's body. Then Pilate ordered that it be released. So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in clean, fine linen, and placed it in **his new tomb**, which he had cut into the rock. He left after rolling a great stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were seated there, facing the tomb.

### Matthew 27:62-66

The next day, which followed the preparation day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that while this deceiver was still alive he said, '**After three days I will rise again**.' So give orders that the tomb be made secure until the third day.

Otherwise, **his disciples** may come, steal him, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

"Take guards," Pilate told them. "Go and make it as secure as you know how." They went and secured the tomb by setting a seal on the stone and placing the guards.

*{Come up one a time}*

A resurrected Jesus creates a **problem**--

→ **Authority** ...

### **Matthew 28:1-5**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the **tomb**. There was a violent earthquake, because an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached the tomb. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards were so shaken by fear of him that they became like dead men.

The angel told the women, “Don’t be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was **crucified**.”

### **Romans 3:23-25a**

... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and ... are **justified** freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the **shedding of His blood**—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate **His righteousness** ...

### **Colossians 1:13-14**

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the **kingdom of the Son** He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **Matthew 28:6-7**

**He is not here. For He has risen**, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell **His disciples**, ‘He has risen from the dead and indeed He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see Him there.’ Listen, I have told you.”

### **Matthew 28:8-10**

So, departing quickly from the tomb with **fear and great joy**, they ran to tell **His disciples** the news. Just then Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” They came up, took hold of His feet, and **worshiped** Him. Then Jesus told them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see Me there.”

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**Verified truth** → **He has risen.**  
**Appraisal/Value** → **He is worthy: worship & obedience**  
**Invitation:** → **Follow Jesus (x20)**

### **Matthew 28:11-15**

As they were on their way, some of the guards came into the city and reported to the chief priests **everything that had happened**. After the priests had assembled with the elders and agreed on a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money and told them, "Say this, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him while we were sleeping.' If this reaches the governor's ears, we will deal with him and keep you out of trouble." They took the money and did as they were instructed, and this story has been spread among Jewish people to this day.

**The guards and religious leaders **BELIEVED** Jesus rose from the dead!!**

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**Temptation & Tendency: believe in a Jesus that does not **disrupt, interfere or interrupt**.**

Joseph of Arimathea

The women (and the 11)

The guards

The religious leaders

*{same slide but come up 1 at a time}*

**Signs of Stopping at Belief:**

- Constant **threat** ... {identity, happiness, security, acceptance}
- Inconsistent **joy**
- There has to be **more** ... {Soul made for awe ...}

**Tom Brady YouTube Video**

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### **Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven **disciples** traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they **worshiped**, but some doubted. Jesus came near and said to them, "All **authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am **with** you always, to the end of the age."

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**Follow Jesus, Be His disciple**

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**Considerations:**

- 1) Following does NOT mean perfection; it does mean a new direction.
  - a. Be ready to see your sin for what it is.
  - b. Your comfort zone is where Jesus is and where He is taking you.
  - c. You will have to leave some things behind (let go ... unlearn)
- 2) Accept His word, being willing to submit and obey.
- 3) You will never graduate from the depth of His love: amazing & addicting!
- 4) Your heart and soul have a true North.
- 5) The best is yet to come

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