

### III. BELIEVE IN JESUS AND FIND **LIFE**

#### A. Believe in Jesus and find **abundant** life.

*“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”*

John 10:10

#### B. Believe in Jesus and find **eternal** life.

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

John 3:16

### Will You Believe?

*“but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”*

John 20:31

*“25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.*

*26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”*

John 11:25-26

*“32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.”*

*33 So Paul departed from among them.*

*34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.”*

Acts 17:32-34

### 40 DAYS WITH JESUS

Believe & Find Life

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### INTRODUCTION

A. After His resurrection Jesus spent **forty** days on the earth (Acts 1:3). During this time He made **ten** appearances.

#### Jesus' Post-resurrection Appearances

- To Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18; Mark 16:9-11).
- To the women returning from the tomb (Matthew 28:8-10).
- To Peter later in the day (Luke 24:33-34; I Corinthians 15:5).
- To the disciples going to Emmaus in the evening (Luke 24:13-32).
- To the apostles except Thomas (John 20:19-24; Luke 24:35-45).
- To the apostles a week later with Thomas present (John 20:24-29; Mark 16:14).
- In Galilee to the seven by the Lakes of Tiberias (John 21:1-25).
- In Galilee on a mountain to the apostles and over 500 believers (I Corinthians 15:6; Matthew 28:16-20).
- At Jerusalem and Bethany again to James (I Corinthians 15:7).
- At Olivet and the ascension (Acts 1:3-12; Luke 24:50-53).

B. In this series you will discover what Jesus did on earth for 40 days after the Resurrection and what you will find when you believe in Jesus.

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Apr 3	Believe & Find Hope
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Apr 24	Believe & Find Forgiveness
May 1	Believe & Find Power

C. **TEXT:** John 19:38-20:10 (Pew Bible/Pg.1065/New Test.)

## HOW TO BELIEVE & FIND LIFE

### I. BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SIN (19:38-42)

#### A. The procedural evidence that Jesus died.

Joseph and Nicodemus gave Jesus a proper burial. They were friends of Jesus and wanted him to be alive. If they had detected any pulse of life in him they surely would have sought to resuscitate him. But instead, they embalmed him according to Jewish custom.

*“59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,*

*60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.*

*61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.*

*62 On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,*

*63 saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’*

*64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.”*

*65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how.”*

*66 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.” Matthew 27:59-66*

#### B. The purpose of Jesus’ death was to pay the debt for our sin which is hell.

*“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*  
Romans 3:23

*“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.”*  
Isaiah 53:5

*“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”*

I Peter 2:24

### II. BELIEVE THAT JESUS ROSE AGAIN FOR YOUR SALVATION (20:1-10)

#### A. The people who first witnessed the empty tomb were Mary Magdalene (vs 1-2) and two of the disciples, Peter and John (vs 3-10).

*“Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.”*

Mark 16:1

*“2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.*

*3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.*

*4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.”*  
Matthew 28:2-4

#### B. The purpose of the Jesus’ resurrection of Jesus was to provide eternal life in heaven for us.

*“20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

*21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.*

*22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”*  
I Corinthians 15:20-22