

Don't Doubt, Only Believe

John 20: 19-29

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Introduction: Waterloo and Wellington

- A victory is always good news – but a victory snatched from the jaws of defeat is even more welcome news
- We celebrate the lifting of the fog – the resurrection of Jesus – because of which the ultimate enemy – death and alienation from our Creator – no longer reigns

I. From Empty Tomb to Upper Room

a. The crucifixion happened Friday

i. Very few people were there

ii. Most of His disciples scattered

iii. Jesus fought and won His greatest battle while hanging there with those few – weeping – at His feet.

b. He was put in the tomb before sundown

c. Early, Early, Early on Sunday the stone rolled away

d. Mary Magdalene witnessed the stone rolled away before light

e. She went to tell Peter and John

f. John can run faster than Peter

g. Everyone went there separate ways

h. That night, the disciples were gathered in the upper room (except Judas and Thomas

II. A Mountain of a Commission

a. Peace be with you

b. As the Father sent me, so send I you

III. The breath of God

IV. Don't Doubt, Only Believe

V. Take Away

a. Don't doubt, only believe

b. If God has filled your heart, pick up that mountain of a commission

c. Peace