

The People who Believed...

- Peter & John at the tomb.

⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹**(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)** John 20:8-9(NIV)

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- The disciples on the road to Emmaus

¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹“What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. **Luke 24:17-19(NIV)**

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- Thomas, referred to as “doubting Thomas”.

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” **John 20:26-28(NIV)**

Why did Jesus have to rise from the dead?

- The Resurrection confirms Jesus is God
- The Resurrection defeated the punishment for sin.

⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. Romans 6:9(NIV)

Why did Jesus have to rise from the dead?

- The Resurrection ensures our own promise of life after death.

¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. **1 Corinthians 15:16-17(NIV)**

- The Resurrection was God's victory over Satan.

If God could do that....

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