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¹ But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. ³ So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.... ⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. **Luke 24:1-4 (NLT) Matthew 28:5-6 (NLT)**

Doubt can be the beginning of _____ .

³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! ³⁸ "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt?" ³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure."

Luke 24:36-39a (NLT)

_____ and the _____ often lead to doubts

²⁴ One of the disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

John 20:24-25 (NLT)

Don't settle for _____ - _____ faith

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15b (NIV2011)

²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

John 20:26-27 (NLT)

Jesus gave Thomas what he _____ to believe.

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

John 20:28 (NLT)

From _____ Jesus to _____ Jesus

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

John 20:29 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Believe Jesus, bringing to him all that I am and receiving his forgiveness and direction.
- Be honest about my doubts and struggles - with God and with others believers who can walk with me.
- Thank God for how he has given me what I needed to work through an area of doubt in my life.
- Meditate on and/or memorize John 20:27