

The Reason for God
Belief in an Age of Skepticism
"Dealing With Your Doubts"
John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible Page 768)

*Dealing with obstacles to belief...
Can there be just one true religion?
How can a good God allow suffering?
Hasn't religion caused much of the suffering in the world?
Hasn't science disproved Christianity?*

What do all of these have in common?

ALL CAN CREATE DOUBT

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH YOUR DOUBTS?

FIRST, UNMASK YOUR DOUBTS

"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him" John 20:2

"Finally, the disciple who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed." John 20:8

Two different responses to the same evidence

1. Secular view of reason: **GRAVE ROBBERS**
2. Religious view of faith: **RESURRECTION MIRACLE**

Both views are based on:

ASSUMPTIONS

FAITH

SECOND, EXAMINE YOUR FAITH

1. Because what you don't know **CAN HURT**
2. Because your faith assumptions are the **COMPASS OF THE SOUL**
"Why are you crying?" 'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.'" John 20:13
3. Because doubt has a way of **CREEPING IN**

THIRD, FUEL YOUR HOPE

1. You learn to doubt your **DOUBTS**
"...they were together, with the doors locked..." John 20:19

"They still did not understand from scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead" John 20:9
2. You believe and trust with your **HEAD AND HEART**
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

Fuel your Hope through your

* **PRAYER LIFE**

* **SCRIPTURE READING**

* **COMMUNITY LIFE**

3. You gaze at the **TOMB**
"Jesus said to her, 'Mary'" John 20:16

*"If God does not exist all the follower of Jesus loses
is a life of doing love, service and a justice.
If God does exist and you do not follow Him
you lose everything."*