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+ **BELIEF IS PASSED DOWN BY FAITHFUL WITNESSES** (JOHN 20:24-25).

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

BELIEF IS BASED ON THE HISTORICAL RESURRECTION OF JESUS (JOHN 20:26-27).

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

BELIEF IS GROUNDED IN CONFESSING JESUS AS LORD (JOHN 20:28-29).

²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

