

Resurrection

To Believe

or

Not to Believe

**Easter has always come
a little too close to
April Fool's Day.**

Thomas was invited to believe

“My Lord and My God!”

What about unbelievers?

**If Jesus had been a
pretender, His story would
have died with Him.**

Result of the Resurrection

Whatever happened changed them drastically.

**May be all the proof of the
resurrection we need.**

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**People that want to change –
they feel powerless in its grip**

1st step of the twelve-step program

**“We admitted we’re powerless over alcohol -
our lives had become unmanageable”**

**Once you recognize that
your own power is not enough
... you can look for power elsewhere**

A Higher Power

We call it the power of God.

Power that can change lives.

Peter

He wanted to be fearless.

**Do you remember when fear
took over?**

Step One

A Willingness to Believe

Step Two

**An Encounter with the
Risen Christ**

**Peter entered a three-step program
to overcome his fear**

Step 1

Willingness to believe

Step 2

Encounter with the Risen Christ

Step 3

Coming of the Holy Spirit

Peter Was Fearless

We must obey God.

**The one unable to admit he knew Jesus,
now is fearless and unable to deny Him.**

**If God is not in this ...
it will die down**

**But if God is in this ...
we won't be able to stop it**

Rejoiced because they had suffered for Christ

Could not stop preaching and teaching

**Rejoiced because they suffered for the sake of
THE NAME**

2 BILLION believe
...and still going strong