Lownes Free Church                                                                 Sunday Morning -- April 21, 2019

**“But Some Doubted”**
**Matthew 28:17**

***Maybe you are doubting, too!***

**The persistence of doubt: our reality.**
    **They doubted even though. . .**

Jesus had appeared to them many times. Acts 1:1-3

Jesus always had told them the truth. John 8:40

Jesus had shown them many miraculous signs. John 20:30

Jesus often had predicted His passion. Matthew 16:21

Jesus was foreseen in Moses and the Prophets. Luke 24:25-27

Jesus is the only foundation for forgiveness. Luke 1:76, 77

Jesus is the only way to God. John 14:6

Jesus is God’s way to right a fallen world. Ephesians 1:8-10

Without Jesus, Satan wins. Hebrews 2:14, 15

Without Jesus, death is final. 1 Corinthians 15:16-19

**The source of doubt: our pride. Genesis 3:1-7**
**We doubt because. . .**

We think God may not be telling us the truth.

We want to be independent.

We act as if we are self-sufficient.

We are in love with the world.

We are enslaved to our addictions.

We think it might be too good to be true.

We assume there must be many ways to God.

We would rather God be what we want Him to be, or not exist.

We are convinced the cosmos “just happened.”

We want to write the story and control the eternal narrative.

**The dissolution of doubt: Jesus’ resurrection.**
**1 Peter 1:3-12**

When we embrace (trust) God’s testimony. . .

We have His very life. v. 3a

We have a living hope. v. 3b

We have an eternal inheritance. v. 4

We have God’s protective power. v. 5a

We have the promise of salvation. v. 5b, 9

We have inexpressible joy. vv. 6a, 8b

We have perspective in life’s inevitable trials. vv. 6b, 7

We have love for Him because we have been loved by Him. v. 8a

We have the coherent key to all of God’s revelation. vv. 10, 11

We have good news to share with all peoples. v. 12

***Will you choose to believe God? 1 John 5:9-12***