## **WE BELIEVE**

(Easter 2016)

#### John 20:1...

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

#### JOHN 20:2...

So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved...

**NOBODY...** Was standing outside His Tomb that Easter Morning!

...and said, "**THEY** have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where **THEY** have put him!"

### LUKE 24:10...

It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the **APOSTLES**.

### LUKE 24:11...

But they did not **BELIEVE** the women, because their words seemed to them like **NONSENSE**.

#### LUKE 24:12...

**PETER**, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away shouting, **HE'S ALIVE! HE'S ALIVE!** 

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#### LUKE 24:12...

**PETER**, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

# **NOBODY...** Was standing outside His Tomb that Easter Morning! THE FIRST CENTURY FOLLOWERS OF JESUS... DOCUMENTED THEIR DISBELIEF! "OUR SAVIOR... JESUS CHRIST... WAS CRUCIFIED... AND HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD... AND WE ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS!" ACTS 3:13b-15... **YOU** handed Him over to be killed, and **YOU** disowned Him before Pilate, though he had decided to let Him go. 14 YOU disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to YOU. 15 YOU killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are WITNESSES of this. ACTS 4:8b-9... "Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom YOU CRUCIFIED but WHOM GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD. that this man stands before you healed. ACTS 4:12... SALVATION is found in no one else, for there is NO OTHER NAME under heaven given to mankind by which we must be SAVED." ACTS 4:13... When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note... THAT... THESE... MEN... HAD... BEEN... WITH... JESUS!

**BELIEVE ABOUT...** 

# BELIEVE IN...

### JOHN 3:16...

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever... **BELIEVES IN** Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

# BELIEVE ABOUT ~ BELIEVE IN

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BELIEVE THEM ABOUT JESUS... WHAT YOU'RE CHOOSING TO BELIEVE ABOUT HIM... WHY NOT BELIEVE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THEY EVER SAID ABOUT HIM...?

THAT HE WAS DEAD... BUT HE DIDN'T STAY DEAD...
HE ACTUALLY DID RISE FROM THE DEAD!