

OUR EXPERIENCES AND THE RESURRECTION MESSAGE
JOHN 20:1-10, 19-20, 24-31 (ESV)

- I. The disciples' _____ and _____ in faith are not unlike our own!
- A. In response to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John dealt with _____ and _____.
- B. In response to claims of resurrection, Thomas had _____ questions.
- C. From that starting point, each disciple _____ to believe in the resurrection at their own _____ and in their own _____.
- D. While Jesus' first-century disciples had sensory experiences to ground their faith, we have something different: _____, _____, and Christian _____.
- E. Faith is not a _____; it is willfully _____ to trust and live by Jesus' _____, because the evidence argues that it's all true.

II. Our perceptions _____, but the resurrection _____
_____.

A. The whole Bible, written over roughly _____ years by about
_____ different human authors tells one _____ story.

1. The central plot of the Bible is God saving humanity from
_____ (and the thing that caused it, _____).

2. Jesus' resurrection is not only the _____ of the Bible,
but also the answer to humanity's _____ problem.

B. These disciples who doubted and questioned the resurrection
became so _____ of its truth—that they _____
for that truth.

C. The history of the world argues that there really is some
_____ that is found in the message
and community of Jesus.