

## **LISTENING GUIDE**

### **John 20:19-31 – Jesus' Empty Tomb Answers Skepticism**

1. At times I am \_\_\_\_\_ of what God promises.
2. Jesus chose to be \_\_\_\_\_ when Thomas was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus overcame Thomas' skepticism.
4. Thomas appropriate responded with \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Two conclusions:
  - 1) There is \_\_\_\_\_ reason to doubt the victory of Easter.
  - 2) Jesus' resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ all the promises of the Bible.
6. The peace Jesus brings is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - I don't want to go \_\_\_\_\_ minute without it.

## **NEXT STEPS**

QUESTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND APPLICATION TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE DEEPER INTO YOUR LIFE.

1. This week's sermon message focused on the skepticism that we sometimes feel. Perhaps one of the greatest promises of which we become "skeptical" is that our sins are forgiven. As Jesus came to the disciples on Easter Sunday evening, he said to them, **"If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven."** This is referred to as the power of the keys. **What level of assurance can it provide to hear from a fellow Christian that our sins are forgiven?**
  
2. This week's message focused mostly on the skepticism of those inside the church. Many outside of the church are also skeptical. **Who do you know who is a skeptic or skeptical of Christianity? What have you learned from them when you have listened? What evidence do they want?**

**What encouragement did this week's message provide for witnessing to them?**

3. Jesus said, "blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Read again the scripture reading of 1 Peter 1:3-9. **What blessings do believers have? How might those be helpful in conversations with skeptics?**

