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Reactions to Resurrections

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Mary

Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. (2) And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. (3) His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. (4) And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. (5) But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. (6) He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (7) Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." (8) So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy. and ran to tell his disciples. (9) And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. (10) Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

- Great fear =
 - Great = mega
 - Fear = phobos fob'-os
 - From a primary φέβομαι phebomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: - be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror.
 - Phobos Thayer Definition:
 - 1) fear, dread, terror
 - 1a) that which strikes terror

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- Took hold =
 - o krateō krat-eh'-o
 - From G2904; to use strength, that is, seize or retain (literally or figuratively): - hold (by, fast), keep, lay hand (hold) on, obtain, retain, take (by).
 - o krateo; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) to have power, be powerful
 - 1a) to be chief, be master of, to rule
 - 2) to get possession of
 - 2a) to become master of, to obtain
 - 2b) to take hold of
 - 2c) to take hold of, take, seize
 - 2c1) to lay hands on one in order to get him into one's power
 - 3) to hold
 - 3a) to hold in the hand
 - 3b) to hold fast, i.e. not discard or let go
 3b1) to keep carefully and faithfully
 - 3c) to continue to hold, to retain
 - 3c1) of death continuing to hold one
 - o 3c2) to hold in check, restrain

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- Worshipped =
 - o proskuneō; *pros-koo-neh'-o*
 - From G4314 and probably a derivative of G2965 (meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to fawn or crouch to, that is, (literally or figuratively) prostrate oneself in homage (do reverence to, adore): - worship.
 - o proskuneō; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence
 - 2) among the Orientals, especially the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence
 - 3) in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication
 - 3a) used of homage shown to men and beings of superior rank

- 3a1) to the Jewish high priests
- 3a2) to God
- 3a3) to Christ
- 3a4) to heavenly beings
- 3a5) to demons

Mark 16:1-11 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. (2) And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. (3) And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" (4) And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back it was very large. (5) And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. (6) And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. (7) But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." (8) And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (9) [[Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. (10) She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. (11) But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

- Alarmed =
 - o kthambeō *ek-tham-beh'-o*
 - From G1569; to astonish utterly: affright, greatly (sore) amaze.
 - o ekthambeō; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) to throw into terror or amazement
 - 1a) to alarm thoroughly, to terrify
 - 2) to be struck with amazement
 - 2a) to be thoroughly amazed, astounded
 - 2b) to be struck with terror
- Trembling =
 - Tromos; *trom'-os*

- From G5141; a "trembling", that is, quaking with fear: + tremble (-ing)
- Tromos; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) a trembling or quaking with fear
 - 2) with fear and trembling, used to describe the anxiety of one who distrusts his ability completely to meet all requirements, but religiously does his utmost to fulfil his duty

- Astonishment =
 - o Ekstasis; ek'-stas-is
 - From G1839; a <u>displacement of the mind</u>, that is, bewilderment, "ecstasy": - + be amazed, amazement, astonishment, <u>trance</u>.
 - Ekstasis; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) any casting down of a thing from its proper place or state, displacement
 - 2) a throwing of the mind out of its normal state, alienation of mind, whether such as makes a lunatic or that of a man who by some sudden emotion is transported as it were out of himself, so that in this rapt condition, although he is awake, his mind is drawn off from all surrounding objects and wholly fixed on things divine that he sees nothing but the forms and images lying within, and thinks that he perceives with his bodily eyes and ears realities shown him by God.
 - 3) amazement, the state of one who, either owing to the importance or the novelty of an event, is thrown into a state of blended fear and wonderment

Luke 24:1-9 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. (2) And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, (3) but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. (4) While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. (5) And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? (6) He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, (7) that the

Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." (8) And they remembered his words, (9) and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

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- Perplexed =
 - o aporeō; *ap-or-eh'-o*
 - From a compound of G1 (as a negative particle) and the base of G4198; to *have no way* out, that is, *be at a loss* (mentally): - (stand in) doubt, be perplexed.
 - o aporeō; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) to be without resources, to be in straits, to be left wanting, to be embarrassed, to be in doubt, not to know which way to turn
 - 2) to be at a loss with one's self, be in doubt
 - 3) not to know how to decide or what to do, to be perplexed
- Frightened =
 - Emphobos; em'-fob-os
 - From G1722 and G5401; in fear, that is, alarmed: affrighted, afraid, tremble.
 - Emphobos; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) thrown into fear, terrified, affrighted

John 20:11-18 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. (12) And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. (13) They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." (14) Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. (15) Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." (16) Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). (17) Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (18) Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

- Cling =
 - o haptō; *hap'-to*
 - A primary verb; properly to *fasten* to, that is, (specifically) to *set* on fire: kindle, light.
 - haptō; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) to fasten to, adhere to
 - 1a) to fasten fire to a thing, kindle, set of fire
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Peter

Luke 24:1-12 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. (2) And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, (3) but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. (4) While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. (5) And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? (6) He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, (7) that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." (8) And they remembered his words, (9) and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. (10) Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, (11) but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. (12) But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

- Marveling =
 - thaumazō; thou-mad'-zo
 - From G2295; to wonder; by implication to admire: admire, have in admiration, marvel, wonder.
 - thaumazō; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) to wonder, wonder at, marvel
 - \circ 2) to be wondered at, to be had in admiration

John 20:1-10 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. (2) So she ran and went to Simon Peter and

the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." (3) So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. (4) Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. (5) And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. (6) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. (6) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, (7) and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. (8) Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; (9) for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. (10) Then the disciples went back to their homes.

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- Saw (verse 7) =
 - theoreo; theh-o-reh'-o
 - From a derivative of G2300 (perhaps by adverb of G3708); to be a spectator of, that is, discern, (literally, figuratively [experience] or intensively [acknowledge]): behold, consider, look on, perceive, see.
 - theoreo; **Thayer Definition:**
 - 1) to be a spectator, look at, behold
 - 1a) to view attentively, take a view of, survey
 - 1a1) to view mentally, consider
 - 2) to see
 - 2a) to perceive with the eyes, to enjoy the presence of one
 - 2b) to discern, descry
 - 2c) to ascertain, find out by seeing

John 20:19-23 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (20) When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. (21) Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." (22) And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. (23) If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

- *Glad* =
 - o chairō; khah'ee-ro
 - A primary verb; to be full of *"cheer"*, that is, calmly *happy* or well off; impersonal especially as a salutation (on meeting or parting), *be well:* farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hail, joy (-fully), rejoice.
 - chairō; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) to rejoice, be glad
 - o 2) to rejoice exceedingly
 - o 3) to be well, thrive
 - 4) in salutations, hail!
 - \circ 5) at the beginning of letters: to give one greeting, salute

John 21:4-11 Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. (5) Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." (6) He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. (7) That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. (8) The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. (9) When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. (10) Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." (11) So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

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Emmaus

Mark 16:12-13 After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. (13) And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Luke 24:13-35 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, (14) and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. (15) While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. (16) But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. (17) And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. (18) Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" (19) And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, (20) and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. (21) But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. (22) Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, (23) and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. (24) Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." (25) And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! (26) Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (27) And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (28) So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther. (29) but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. (30) When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. (31) And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. (32) They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" (33) And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, (34) saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" (35) Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Thomas

John 20:24-29 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. (25) So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "**Unless** I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." (26) Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (27) Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." (28) Thomas **answered** him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

- *Unless* = (combination of two words)
 - Ean; *eh-an'*
 - From G1487 and G302; a conditional particle; in case that, provided, etc.; often used in connection with other particles to denote indefiniteness or uncertainty: - before, but, except, (and) if, (if) so, (what-, whither-) soever, though, when (-soever), whether (or), to whom, [who-] so (-ever). See G3361.
 - Ean; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) if, in case
 - o **mē; may**
 - A primary particle of qualified negation (whereas G3756 expresses an absolute denial); (adverbially) not, (conjugationally) lest; also (as interrogitive implying a negative answer [whereas G3756 expects an affirmative one]); whether: any, but, (that), X forbear, + God forbid, + lack, lest, neither, never, no (X wise in), none, nor, [can-] not, nothing, that not, un [-taken], without. <u>Often used in compounds in substantially the same relations</u>.
 - o mē; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) no, not lest
- Answered =
 - Apokrinomai; ap-ok-ree'-nom-ahee

- From G575 and κρινω krino; to conclude for oneself, that is, (by implication) to respond; by Hebraism (compare [H6030]) to begin to speak (where an address is expected): answer.
- Apokrinomai; Thayer Definition:
 - 1) to give an answer to a question proposed, to answer
 - 2) to begin to speak, but <u>always where something has</u> preceded

Script

When was the last time you saw something, an event, that gave you a real jolt. Something like a natural disaster caused by a uncontrollable flood. Or being bewildered by a snow or ice storm. Or watching, and seeing the effects, of a F3 tornado that leaves you on your knees crying.

The effect of witnessing overwhelming events is dynamic. You know it was too amazing to be fake and too shocking to be a show. It was so intense it changed you from being a spectator to a participant. You know it was real and relevant.

Christianity is occasionally viewed by some folks as being fake, or a show, or irrelevant to life. Maybe some well-intended groups have created that sense of uselessness.

There are 3 people in the New Testament I want to tell you about that had the same kind of experience you have had. They experienced an event that gave them a jolt, that filled them with awe, that shocked them. They recognized it was real and relevant.

The event that changed their lives could change yours, too.

INTRO

THE event these 3 people witnessed began early on a special Sunday morning about daylight.

The first person I share with you is Mary Magdalene. She had been a follower of Jesus for most of 3 years. She loved him greatly. But the religious powers of the day had conspired and were able to have him executed in a most heinous way. She watched him breathe his last. She watched as Joseph and Nicodemus placed his body in a borrowed tomb 3 days earlier.

Mary and some other ladies went to the tomb. They discovered the tomb was open and empty. The others ladies ran to tell Jesus' disciples, but Mary stayed behind, maybe just in pile, crying. Totally drained. Nothing more left her gas tank.

THEN IT HAPPENED.

John recorded, (John 20) (14) ... she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. (15) Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." (16) Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). (17) Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (18) Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

How would you have reacted? What would you have expected? Would you ever think you would have a conversation with a man you buried 3 days ago?

She blurted out his title: teacher. And then what did she do?

Well, Jesus had to tell her to NOT CLING to him. She was holding on to him. She had glued herself to him. It is almost like she was taking HIM hostage against his will. She was just reacting. But she was reacting to something so unusual, so VERY REAL. She was holding a LIVING Jesus, not a dead one.

And what he told her was VERY RELEVANT. It gave her a way to participate in THE event. He told her to go tell the others. It was something she needed to do. It was full of purpose, and need, and joy.

Next, I want to tell you about Peter. He, like Mary, had been very much involved in Jesus' life from the very beginning. He had witnessed other amazing things (Matt 17:1-5). He had walked on water himself (Matt 14:29). But he also was the one who DENIED knowing Jesus 3 times. Three days ago, he went off and cried the hardest he had ever cried.

Peter heard Mary and the other ladies saying that Jesus was ALIVE. Luke wrote it down like this, (LUKE 24) (10) Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, (11) but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. (12) But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he SAW the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home MARVELING at what had happened.

Peter did not think these ladies were just putting on a show. He believed in Jesus enough to consider a resurrection from the dead as a possibility. So, he ran, along with John, to the tomb.

John later wrote about THE event. (JOHN 20) (6) Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He SAW the linen cloths lying there, (7) and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. (8) Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

Both accounts show how Peter SAW the clothes, and WHERE they were, and HOW one was folded. Peter's response was to study what he was looking at. It did not make sense to him. It would not have made sense to us either. Yes, Peter did go back toward his home, but Luke said he was WONDERING about it. He was examining the facts. We might say he was being a "detective" in his approach.

But here is what is certain about Peter reaction. He was reacting to THE event, a real resurrection. The body was NOT where it was supposed to be. The body was NO LONGER WRAPPED in clothes. Someone ALIVE had taken time to FOLD the face cloth. Peter had no doubt about THESE FACTS. The ONLY conclusion he was forming was that Jesus MUST be ALIVE, that THE RESURRECTION must have happened.

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And now, I want to tell you about Thomas' reaction. He, like the other two, had spent so much time with Jesus. He was someone that demanded more relevant information that the others.

Mary had witnessed Jesus herself. Peter had intensely observed and studied the tomb. Then, that evening, Jesus materialized in a locked room with 10 of the apostles. Thomas was not there. All the others now knew for certain that THE RESURRECTION had occurred. No mistake; Jesus is alive.

But Thomas, needing to observe for HIMSELF the facts. John wrote, John 20:24-29 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. (25) So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "UNLESS I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will NEVER believe." Thomas CHOSE to not believe. But his disbelief was conditional.

Eight days later, the RESURRECTED JESUS, came to another of those meetings behind locked doors. Again, just as before, he materialized in their midst. But this time, Jesus addressed Thomas. (JOHN 20) (27) Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." (28) Thomas answered him, "My LORD and my GOD!" (29) Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you HAVE seen me? Blessed are those who have NOT seen and YET HAVE BELIEVED."

A LIVING RESURRECTED Jesus addressed Thomas directly. Thomas is looking at the man he saw die on that cross. When was the last time you did something like that? And he saw the hole in Jesus' hand. He could have put his hand into Jesus' side. REAL Hands and a REAL body. This was no magic trick. It was not a show.

His reaction WAS life-changing. He proclaimed Jesus as his owner and master. He said Jesus must be GOD. And not just "a god", but MY God. He would not have had this reaction if THE resurrection was not real.

These 3 people reacted like ANYONE would have if they were experiencing a living, breathing, talking, touchable, evidence-producing, phenomenon named Jesus. He, who was dead, is now alive.

And because Jesus is alive, because Jesus over-came death, ANYONE who follows Jesus CAN live forever.

Is the resurrection real to you? Is the resurrection relevant to you?

If it is now becoming real or relevant to you for the first time, you MIGHT need some assistance.

Or, if you still have questions, or, like Thomas, need more information, we are here to help you.

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