

The HOPE of EASTER

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The Big Idea:

The resurrection of Jesus guarantees life-changing hope to all who believe, both in this life and the life to come.

The Resurrection of Jesus Gives Us Present Hope

1. The Resurrection Authenticated All of Jesus' Claims About Himself.

2. The Resurrection Validated Jesus' Atoning Work on the Cross.

3. The Resurrection Guarantees Believers' Regeneration.

4. The Resurrection Guarantees Believers' Justification.

5. The Resurrection Fills Every Christian with Heavenly Power.

6. The Resurrection Makes Sanctification Possible.

7. The Resurrection Seals Believers' Eternal Security.

The Resurrection of Jesus Gives Us Future Hope

1. The Resurrection Assures Believers of Ultimate Victory Over All Evil.

2. The Resurrection Guarantees Eternal Life to All Believers.

3. The Resurrection Foreshadows Jesus' Second Coming.

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Discussion Guide

Read John 20:1-31

1. Pastor Dave said this was the greatest event in all of human history. What makes this the greatest event in history? Why does it matter so much? What meaning does the resurrection have for us in both the present and the future?

2. What stood out to you most in the resurrection account here in John 20? From what you read what got you the most excited, raised questions, etc.?

3. Pastor Dave also said none of this story matters if Jesus didn't actually rise from the dead. Look over the proofs on the front of your notes and discuss which is the most compelling. How does the evidence encourage you?

4. Discuss each of the present and future hopes we have because of the resurrection of Jesus and how each of those should shape the way we live.