

CELEBRATING RESURRECTION HOPE

Jesus On Mission – Part 5

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

How does the news spread?

Luke 24:18 (NIV) *“One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, ‘Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’”*

“HE IS RISEN!” (Response) **“HE IS RISEN INDEED!”**

Mark 16:1-7 (NIV) *“When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, ‘Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?’ ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. **He has risen!** He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.’”*

**The tomb of Jesus is empty... no body, no ashes, no remains...
because Jesus has been raised from the dead!**

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV) *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”*

OUR LIVING HOPE INCLUDES...

1. The knowledge that death is not the end.

Because Jesus rose, we now have hope in the certainty that one day we too will rise again, that we too will live again.

Colossians 1:18 (NIV) *“And He is the head of the body, the Church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.”*

2. The knowledge that evil does not win.

John 12:31 (NLT) *“The time of judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out.”*

3. The knowledge that God forgives.

Mark 16:7 (NIV) *"But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.'"*

Luke 22:60-62 (NIV) *"Peter replied, 'Man, I don't know what you're talking about!'" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: 'Before the rooster crows today, you will disown Me three times.' ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly."*

1 John 1:9 (NIV) *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

**Confession opens the path to love, acceptance
and especially forgiveness by God.**

4. The knowledge that new life is an option.

Romans 6:4 (NLT) *"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."*

1 Corinthians 6:9a (CEV) *"Don't you know that evil people won't have a share in the blessings of God's kingdom? Don't fool yourselves!"*

1 Corinthians 6:11 (CEV) *"Some of you used to be like that. But now the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of God's Spirit have washed you and made you holy and acceptable to God."*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) *"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"*

5. The knowledge that there is a better future.

1 Peter 1:3b-4 (NIV) *"In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you."*

Revelation 21:4 (NIV) *"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (CEV) *"We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. ⁹ In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again."*

2 Corinthians 4:13-14 (CEV) *"In the Scriptures it says, 'I spoke because I had faith.' We have this same kind of faith. So we speak ¹⁴because we know that God raised the Lord Jesus to life. And just as God raised Jesus, He will also raise us to life. Then He will bring us into His presence together with you."*

Have you claimed the hope of the resurrection today?

Romans 15:13 (NIV) *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*