

# HOPE IN RESURRECTION

**Main Point:** We celebrate the **resurrection of Jesus Christ** - the heartbeat of our faith and foundation of our hope.

**Question:** Have you ever felt hopeless?  
Wondered if there's a way out of your struggles?

**Through the resurrection...**

- **Death doesn't have the final word - God does.**
- No matter how dark life gets, we have a **hope that endures**, because Jesus rose from the grave.
- That hope is **alive today**.

**When God Seems Quiet**

- Life can feel heavy and silent.
- David cried, *"How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?"*  
*Psalms 13:1*

**In the silence**

- God is not absent.
- Silence can be a time of deep reflection and spiritual growth.

## Even Jesus experienced this:

- On the cross, He cried, *"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46*
- He was quoting *Psalms 22:1* - a psalm that begins in sorrow and ends in unshakable hope.

## The Disciples' Hopelessness

- *Luke 24:13–35* - The Road to Emmaus.
- Two disciples walked away from Jerusalem in sorrow.

**Their words:** *"We had hoped that He was the one..."*  
*Luke 24:21*

***"HOPE"*** (past tense)

- Their hope had turned into memory.
- They didn't recognise Jesus walking with them.

But when Jesus broke bread, their eyes were opened - *Luke 24:31*

**Key truth:** Hope had not died, it was just hidden.

## God's Silence is Not Absence

- Jesus embraced the silence so we would never have to face it alone.

# Silent Saturday

- Between crucifixion and resurrection - God was working.

## If you're in a silent season:

- Your prayers may feel unheard.
- Your dreams may seem buried.

## But remember:

- Silence is not the end.
- The stone was rolled away.
- Resurrection broke through.

## Hope is alive - even in the quiet.

## The Nature of Real Hope

*"Hope that is seen is no hope at all... we wait for it patiently." Romans 8:24-25*

## Real hope:

- Waits patiently - *Psalms 27:14*
- Looks forward - *Hebrews 11:1*
- Is anchored in God's character - *Numbers 23:19*
- Is grounded in God's Word - not wishful thinking

Sometimes you don't recognise hope in the moment.

Maybe you had **hoped**...

- for healing
- for family restoration
- for answers

But Jesus is still walking with you.

## **Living in Hope, Not Just Hoping**

*"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19*

**Hoping:** Wishing, uncertain

**Living in Hope:**

- Anchored, confident, and secure
- Trusts in God, not just in outcomes
- True hope is not tied to results - it is tied to Jesus.

## **Hope in the Resurrection**

- Resurrection isn't about going back - it's about God creating something new.

*"The Spirit who raised Jesus lives in you... He will give life to your mortal bodies." Romans 8:11*

**The same Spirit is alive in us.**

- We're not just waiting for resurrection.
- We are walking in it.

# **The Resurrection Is Our Anchor**

*"Hope does not put us to shame..." Romans 5:5*

*"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile..."  
1 Corinthians 15:17*

## **Because He lives:**

- We are forgiven
- We have peace
- We have a future

## **This transforming truth gives us:**

- Peace in storms
- Strength in silence
- Joy in sorrow

## **Call to Repentance**

Are you carrying burdens no one sees?

- Christ's story didn't end at the cross.
- He conquered death, rose again, and now offers hope.

You've heard. You've seen. But have you responded? This might be your moment.

The turning point your soul has been waiting for.

<b>The invitation still stands</b>
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## **The resurrection is:**

- A call to hope
- An invitation to new life
- A personal message of love

*"For all have sinned..." Romans 3:23*

## **Jesus offers:**

- Forgiveness
- Restoration
- Eternal life
- Hope for this moment

*"Come to Me... and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28*

He's not asking for perfection. Just your heart.  
Will you come? Will you trust Him? Will you  
surrender?