

CELEBRATING THE HOPE EASTER BRINGS

Jesus On Mission – Part 5

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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 (Jesus) 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.’”*

1 John 1:9 (NIV) *“If we confess our sins, He (God) 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, 11 (GNT) *“Don’t you know that evil people won’t have a share in the blessings of God’s kingdom? Don’t fool yourselves! ¹¹Some 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) *“...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’s 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.”*

Mark 15:40-41 (NIV) *“Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹In Galilee these women had followed Him and cared for His needs. Many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem were also there.”*

Have you claimed the hope of the resurrection today?