



“Our Hope is Easter”

John 20:19 – 28 31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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The empty tomb gives us hope

A dark, moody landscape with a path leading through a field towards a distant horizon under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, with a path of light patches leading from the foreground towards the horizon. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, greys, and muted greens.

The Cross gives us hope



Our Hope is the power of God revealed in the Resurrection

The power of the Resurrection is seen in transformed lives

“saw the courage of Peter and John and realized they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note of these men had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13



Jesus is our hope