



Easter @ Calvary
Hope is Alive!
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THE BIG IDEA: Jesus is our living Hope.

TWO HOPE-FILLED FINDINGS AT THE EMPTY TOMB:

I. HOPE IS ALIVE.

- "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see..."
- Matthew 28:6 NIV
- "He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."
- Mark 16:6b NIV
- When they entered [the tomb], they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus..."He is not here; he has risen!" - Luke 24:3, 6a NIV
Simon Peter, who was behind him [John], arrived and went into the tomb. He saw strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. THE CLOTH WAS FOLDED UP BY ITSELF, SEPARATE FROM THE LINEN. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. HE SAW AND BELIEVED.
- John 20:6-8 NIV
- "The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said, "TAKE OFF THE GRAVE CLOTHS and let him go."
- John 11:44 NIV
- He showed you these things so you would know that the Lord is God and there is no other. - Deuteronomy 4:35 NIV
- [John] took one look at the evidence and believed. - John 20:8b MSG
- He believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. Against all hope, Abraham in HOPE BELIEVED...
- Romans 4:17-18 NIV
- "Those who HOPE IN ME will not be disappointed." - God
- Isaiah 49:23b NIV
- "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death."
- God, Hosea 13:14a NIV
- "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans TO GIVE YOU THE FUTURE YOU HOPE FOR." - God
- Jeremiah 29:11 MSG

II. HOPE IS UNLEASHED.

- The disciples went back to their homes, BUT MARY STOOD OUTSIDE THE TOMB CRYING. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb.
- John 20:10 NIV
- "Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" - John 20:15 NIV

Our deepest grief can blind us from what's in front of us.

Jesus didn't reveal Himself to Mary by telling her who He was, but by telling who she was.

It's not the volume of the words or actions; it's the love behind it.

Jesus was unleashing a new possibility. He broke outside of her boundaries of what could be.

"Go... and tell..." - Jesus, John 20:17b NIV

- "Go into all the world and PREACH THE GOOD NEWS to all creation."
- Resurrected Jesus, Mark 16:15 NIV

3 Ways We Can Unleash Hope and Reach Others:

- 1) 24-7 Prayer Room
- 2) ONE Day to Feed the World
(ccassembly.com/give & designate "One Day/Convoy of Hope")
- 3) Love Your Neighbor

- If you CONFESS with your mouth, "JESUS IS LORD," and BELIEVE in your heart that GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, you will be SAVED.
- Romans 10:9 NIV