



Hope and Faith

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HOW DOES THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS GIVE US HOPE?

The POINT ➤

The gospel reminds us that Jesus took our place.

➤ MATTHEW 27:22-25,45-55; 28:5-8

²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"

²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

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⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded

up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" ⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him.

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⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

FACT:

The Romans perfected crucifixion for five hundred years until it was abolished by Constantine I in the fourth century AD.¹



LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // SALVATION

Salvation alone belongs to Jesus—through His death, burial, and resurrection.

Can you remember the first time you heard the gospel? I honestly can't. I'm a pastor's kid and heard the plan of salvation often and early, starting nine months before I was born. It became the foundation of who I was as a child and who I am today as an adult. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ stand at the very heart of the Christian faith and are the ultimate source of hope for every believer. When Jesus willingly gave His life on the cross, He took on Himself the penalty of our sin, offering forgiveness and reconciliation with God. This sacrificial act demonstrates God's intense love and mercy toward all of us. His resurrection was the proof that Jesus is God and is a promise of new life for all who place their trust in Him.

For believers, this means that death is not the end, and our struggles, pains, and trials are not without purpose. Christ's victory assures us that we, too, can have eternal life and a restored relationship with God. In a world filled with uncertainty and suffering, the death and resurrection of Jesus offer us hope that transforms our present and guarantees our eternity.

MATTHEW 27:22-25

1 In what areas of your life are you still choosing Barabbas (or the world) over Jesus?

2 How does knowing Jesus took your place affect the way you live?



MATTHEW 27:45-55

3 What does Jesus enduring separation from God in your place reveal about His love for you?

4 How should the torn temple curtain and open access to God affect your daily walk with Him?

5 In what areas of your life do you need to live more boldly for Jesus?

MATTHEW 28:5-8

6 How does the resurrection of Jesus give you hope?

7 What changes happen when you live in this hope each day, knowing eternal life has already begun through Jesus?

8 Who in your life needs to hear that Jesus is alive, and how can you share that hope with that person this week?

*The tomb is empty. Jesus is alive. Death has been defeated.
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LIVE IT OUT



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Hope is a word that seems to come and go today. As student ministry leaders, we have the great privilege of reminding students that our unwavering hope has a name—Jesus. In His death, burial, and resurrection, we can have new life. Remind students that the Easter story is more than a once-a-year celebration, as Jesus changes every aspect of our daily lives.

➤ CHRIST

9 Have you asked Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of your life? If not, talk to a trusted leader this week.

10 Who can you tell the good news of Jesus to this week?

GOD

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

BIBLE

SALVATION

CREATION

CHURCH

PEOPLE

FAMILY

COMMUNITY
& WORLD



➤ COMMUNITY

11 How can you live out the gospel in all that you do? What are some practical ways you can do this?

12 How can you let those in your community know that Jesus died for them on the cross?

➤ CULTURE

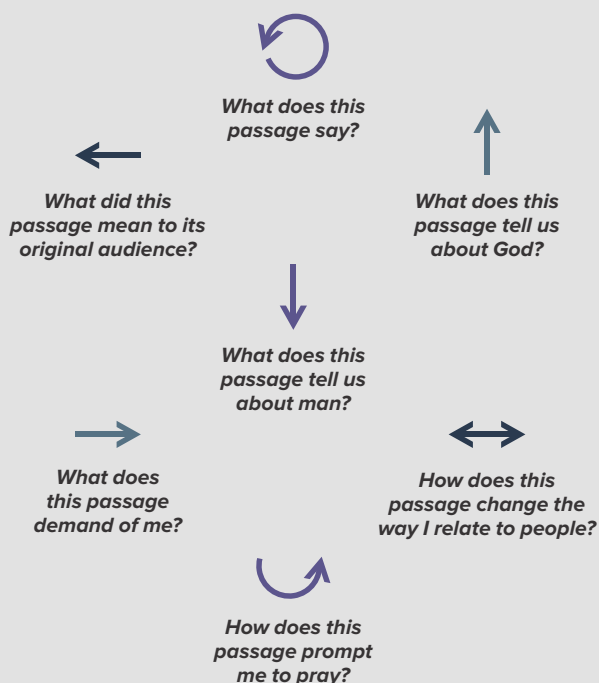
13 Write a few sentences or a journal entry thanking Jesus for dying in your place. Ask Him to help you see yourself the way He sees you—deeply loved and forgiven.

14 Pick one way to live like Jesus is alive (such as choosing kindness over gossip, courage over fear, or truth over compromise) and ask God to help you follow through this week.

DAILY DEVOTIONS



The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



Day One JOHN 3:16

Faith and hope are inseparable. Our faith trusts that God's love is real, that Jesus truly died and rose again for our sins, and that His promise of eternal life is certain. That faith produces hope that our future is secure in Christ, no matter what happens today. When life's storms hit, we stand firm because we know God's Word is true.

This hope changes how we live right now. Because our faith is rooted in Jesus, we can walk through trials with peace and joy, knowing our eternal home is with Him. Hope fuels our obedience, and faith keeps us moving forward when life gets tough. Together, faith and hope help us point others to Christ, showing that His love is the answer to our deepest needs.

- **How can trusting God's promise in John 3:16 help you face fear or uncertainty with confidence?**
- **What is one way you can show both faith and hope in Jesus to someone this week?**

Day Two

ROMANS 15:13



Our hope and faith both come from God, not from our own strength. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, He fills us with joy and peace as we trust Him. This means that even when life feels uncertain or difficult, we can still overflow with hope because our faith is anchored in His unchanging promises.

When we place our faith in Christ, hope becomes more than wishful thinking; it becomes a confident expectation rooted in God's character. As we grow in faith, the Holy Spirit works within us to deepen our trust and expand our hope in Him. This enables us to face challenges with courage and to encourage others who are struggling.

- **How can trusting God more deeply help you experience the joy and peace described in Romans 15:13?**
- **Who in your life needs to see the overflow of hope that comes from your faith in Christ?**

Day Three

ROMANS 10:9

Faith begins with believing in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead and confessing Him as Lord. This faith is not only belief but letting Him lead us in our lives. When we put our trust in Jesus, we find hope in knowing our salvation is secure because it rests on God's promise, not our own works.

The hope that comes from faith in Jesus shapes our daily choices. Knowing He is Lord gives us strength to live with purpose and courage. This hope gets us through trials and fuels our mission to share the gospel so others can experience the same faith and salvation.

- **How does confessing Jesus as Lord give you hope in daily life?**
- **What step can you take this week to help someone else see the hope found in faith in Christ?**

Day Four

ACTS 4:33

The apostles shared the message of Jesus' resurrection with great power, and God's grace was evident in their lives. Their boldness came from faith, trusting that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead was working in them. That faith gave them confidence to speak truth, even in the face of opposition, knowing God's mission would not fail.

The resurrection message they proclaimed also filled believers with hope. If Jesus conquered death, then every trial and hardship we face is temporary. This hope moves us to live with courage and to share the gospel so others can experience new life in Him. Faith anchors us in God's truth, and hope keeps us moving forward in His mission with joy.

- **How does the resurrection of Jesus strengthen both your faith and hope?**
- **What is one way you can boldly share the hope of the gospel with someone this week?**

Day Five

HEBREWS 11:1



This Scripture says that faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Faith is trusting God's promises even when our life gets tough and seems uncertain. It's the foundation of our hope, because we know the One who has promised is faithful. When we walk by faith, we can live with confidence that God's Word is true.

Hope flows from this faith, giving us strength to endure trials and courage to obey God's calling. Even when the outcome is unclear, hope assures us that God is working for our good and His glory. Together, faith and hope enable us to keep moving forward, to encourage others, and to reflect Christ's steadfast love in a world that desperately needs it.

- **How does trusting God's promises give you hope during difficult times?**
- **What is one step of faith you can take that shows your hope in God's plan?**