

**Easter Sunday  
April 17, 2022  
“The Hope of Resurrection”**



John 2:19 (NIV) *Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”*

John 11:25-26 (NIV) *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

Matthew 17:22-23 (NIV) *When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life.” And the disciples were filled with grief.*

**Three ways the Resurrection Brings Us Hope:**

**FIRST – We have hope because we can confidently say that we are forgiven (“Godfidence”)**

Ephesians 1:7-10 (MSG) *Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we’re a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.*

Psalms 103:12 (NLT) *He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.*

**SECOND - We have hope because the resurrection proves that there is more than just this life.**

2 Peter 1:16 (NIV) *For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*

Acts 1:3 (CEV) *For 40 days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. He appeared to his apostles and spoke to them about God's kingdom.*

**THIRD – We have hope because of God’s promises.**

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT) *For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” And through Christ, our “Amen” (which means “Yes”) ascends to God for his glory.*

John 14:15-17 (NIV) *If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to*



*help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

*John 14:19-20, 26 (NIV) Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

*Acts 1:4 (NIV) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.*

*Acts 1:8 (NIV) - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

*Ephesians 1:18-20 (NLT) I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.*

*John 3:16-17 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

*John 13:34-35 (NIV) A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

*Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV) The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I*

*have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”*

### **TAKE IT FURTHER/CHALLENGE:**

- How confidently do live in the reality that you have received forgiveness, power and the fulfillment of God’s promises because of Christ’s resurrection?
- In what way does the resurrection bring you hope? How does the greatness of Jesus’s redeeming work on the cross affect your daily life?
- Seeing the resurrected Christ changed the disciples from hopeless to hopeful. They also gained confidence, courage and joy. How does knowing Christ was resurrected change your world view?
- How can you draw nearer to God to increase your hope in Him?

Re-watch any of our past messages at:

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<https://youtube.com/c/JustChurchWorship>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS at JC:**

- Women’s Breakfast Sat. 4/23 @ 9am – Ray of Light/JC Space above A1
- NEW SERIES @ JC starting next week 4/24 – “Know Your Bible!”
- OPEN MIC NIGHT 4/30 @ 6:30 JC/Ray of Light space above A1 Deli
- Men’s Breakfast Sat. 5/7 @ 8am – Ray of Light/JC Space above A1



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