

Surprised by Hope

Luke 24:3-9 (ESV)

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Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) ¹ Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Luke 24:3 ³ ...when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

1. God brings certainty through the miracle of the risen Jesus.

Luke 24:5 ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

Luke 24:11 ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

*"If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said. If he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teachings, but whether or not he rose from the dead." Timothy Keller, *The Reason for God**

2. Put your trust in the risen Jesus.

Psalm 20:7 ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Luke 24:6-7 ⁶ "He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

1 Peter 1:3–4 (GNB) ³ Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, ⁴ and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away.

3. Act now on the certainty of the risen Jesus.

Luke 24:8-9 ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.