



## 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

<sup>22</sup> Pilate asked them, “What should I do then with Jesus, who is called Christ?” They all answered, “Crucify him!” <sup>23</sup> Then he said, “Why? What has he done wrong?” But they kept shouting all the more, “Crucify him!” <sup>24</sup> When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that a riot was starting instead, he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. See to it yourselves!” <sup>25</sup> All the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness came over the whole land. <sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lemá sabachtháni?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” <sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling for Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and offered him a drink.

<sup>49</sup> But the rest said, “Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” <sup>50</sup> But Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from

top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> And they came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” <sup>55</sup> Many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and looked after him were there, watching from a distance.

<sup>5</sup> The angel told the women, “Don’t be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there.’ Listen, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup> So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples the news.



# 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.<sup>1</sup>



## 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** When do you still choose Barabbas (or the world) over Jesus?

**2** Jesus took your place. How does this change the way you live?



## MATTHEW 27:45-55

**3** Jesus faced separation from God in your place. What does this reveal about His love for you?

**4** The temple curtain was torn, and we have open access to God. How should this affect your daily walk with Him?

**5** How can you live more boldly for Jesus?

## MATTHEW 28:5-8

**6** How does Jesus' resurrection give you hope?

**7** What changes happen in your life when you live in the hope of Jesus each day?

**8** How can you share the hope of Jesus with someone this week?

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



## LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING // SALVATION

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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

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**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

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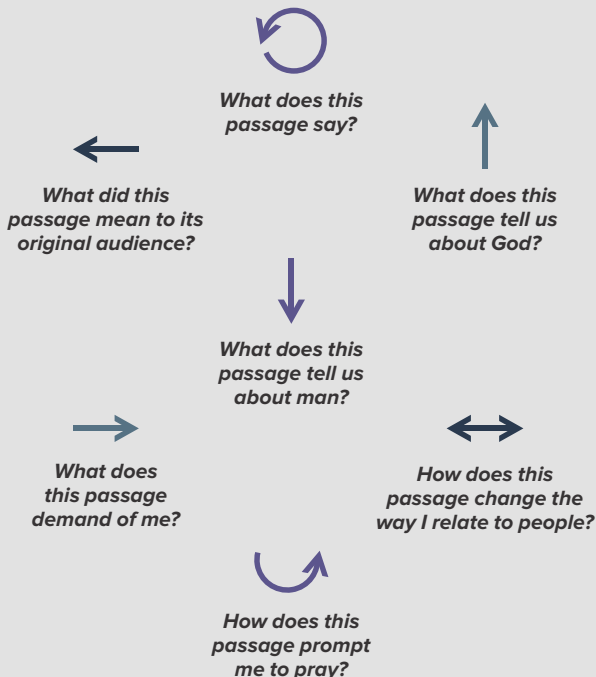
**13** Write a few sentences or a journal entry thanking Jesus for dying in your place. Ask Him to help you see yourself the way He sees you—deeply loved and forgiven.

**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 Four

# ACTS 4:33

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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

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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?**