

The Hope of The Resurrection

John 20:1-29



Hope On Saturday

- How must it have felt for the disciples on Saturday Morning after the death of Jesus?
- A Saturday between Friday and Sunday – There are in-between times – All seems dead, lost. It is in those times though that things are changing!

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

- There was a purpose in the dark in between time! Things were moving, evil was being overcome – Resurrection was on the way!

Hope in the doubt



- Thomas – Unless I see the wounds and put my fingers in the wound – I will not believe!
- Jesus did not rebuke him for doubting – He answered his doubt!

Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ John 20:28

- You have a choice – You can walk away in your doubt or bring your doubt to Him!

Hope Proved

- Sunday comes!
- Resurrection comes; loss is over! Unimaginable!

He asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?’

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.’

Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means ‘Teacher’). John 20:15-16

- Mary knew who Jesus was when He said her name! – He calls your name!
- Resurrection will come for you, and it will be at the perfect time and in the way the He knows will be best for you.



Conclusion

- Hope on Saturday – When those dark times come, when you don't see what's to come. Things are changing – Sunday is coming, Resurrection is near!
- Hope in your doubt – It is ok to have doubt, to wonder if God really could do a miracle or answer your prayers. Go to Him with your questions, He will answer!
- Hope Proved – The resurrection has happened, it is true and Jesus calls your name!

