

“Hope Is Alive!”
Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. ² Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. ³ His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. ⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. ⁷ And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.”

– Matthew 28:1-7 (NLT)

**Just because you can’t SEE God,
it doesn’t mean He’s not THERE!**

When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, **“Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”**

– John 11:32 (NLT)

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

– 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

**“Hopeless” is not a word
in the vocabulary of Jesus!**

Jesus looked at them and said, **“With people, this is impossible. But not with God. All things are possible with God.”**

– Mark 10:27 (NIRV)

**Sometimes God’s miracles
are different from what we expect!**

But when Jesus heard about it he said, “Lazarus’s sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.” **So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days.**

– John 11:4-6 (NLT)

Wherever you’re going, God’s already there!

Taking the twelve disciples aside, Jesus once more began to describe everything that was about to happen to him. “Listen,” he said, “we’re going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. **They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again.**”

– Mark 10:32-34 (NLT)