

Easter 2020

“How the Hope of the Resurrection Sustains Us”

Luke 24:1-12

How can and should the hope of the resurrection sustain us in this time of shelter-in-place and the worries and challenges that this pandemic brings?

Her last days would not be her last days.

The hope of the resurrection sustains me by re-enchanting my disenchanted _____.

The hope of the resurrection sustains me by reminding me that suffering, hardship, and trouble don't have the last _____.

The hope of the resurrection sustains me by the goodness, grace, and love of God demonstrated by the _____ and resurrection.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Luke 24:1-12 and Matthew 28:16-17. Jesus told the twelve disciples he would rise from the dead. Why do you think it was so hard for them to believe, even when the women reported it? (By the way, the disciples' slowness to believe and understand shows us how believing in and trusting God is a journey. We should not beat ourselves up for our unbelief; we should just keep walking the journey.)
3. Summarize your answer to the question from the sermon: How can and should the hope of the resurrection sustain us in this time of shelter-in-place and the worries and challenges that this pandemic brings?
4. It's easy to fall into despondency and despair during this crisis. What habits need to be strong and regular in your life to keep the hope of the resurrection on the forefront of your mind and heart?