

Easter Sunday  
The Passions of Christ  
Resurrection of Hope

Introduction - The resurrection of Christ **PROVES** that Jesus is God and means that there is an answer to doubt, disappointment and despair.

I. The Dead **PROPHET**

- Brought relief to some and crushing grief to others; they had believed He was the Messiah
- He was supposed to conquer but now he is gone/dead
- Then the reports on the third day:
  - 1st Mary Magdalene
  - 2nd The women returning to tomb
  - 3rd The ten disciples in a room
  - 4th Peter privately

II. The Fifth **APPEARANCE**

- Two hours and seven miles to Emmaus
- Didn't believe the news - Luke 24:11
- The most detailed account of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances

III. Slow Go: **DISCOURAGEMENT**

- Doubt comes first; stories...
- Disappointment follows - Luke 24:21
- Despair finally - Luke 24:17b

IV. Surprise **INTRUDER**

- The resurrection is key to Christianity - 1 Corinthians 15:17
- They believed everything else but the essential thing; rising the dead

*All scripture is from the HCSB unless otherwise noted.*

- Leading question - Luke 24:17a
- Asked and answered - Luke 24:27

V. Sight **RESTORED** - Luke 24:30-31

- Saw the nail prints!
- Change of heart - Luke 24:32-33
- Change of words - Luke 24:35
- Change of future - “Because He Lives” - 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

Conclusion - Allow Christ to write “**HOPE**” across your life today!