

Renewing Your Hope In God

John 20:1-18; Isaiah 53

You can renew your hope in God by “seeing and hearing” the...

Historical Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus.

Personal Experience of the Resurrected Christ.

Scriptural Explanation of the Resurrected Son of God!

Have you...

Accepted that Jesus died for you and your wrong doing?

Believed that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead?

Committed your life to Jesus Christ?

Almighty God, I admit I've sinned against You and done things I know were wrong. Thank You for sending Jesus Christ to die on the cross for my sins. Lord Jesus, I believe that you are God in human form and that you are risen from the dead. I invite you into my life as my Savior and King. I turn my life over to Your care and control. Amen

(John 3:16; Romans 3:23; Romans 10:9-10; John 5:24)

Some Thoughts on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Do you know how the date for Easter was set?" Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Obviously, that was the work of a committee. Jeanne and Own Welles

The resurrection proves that life is stronger than death. If Jesus had died, never to rise again, it would have proved that death could take the loveliest and the best life that ever lived and finally break it. William Barclay

The resurrection of Jesus is a hidden event. Jesus didn't rise from the dead to prove to those who had crucified him that they had made a mistake, or confound his opponents. Nor did he rise to impress the rulers of his time or to force anyone to believe. Jesus' resurrection was the full affirmation of his Father's love. Therefore, he only showed himself to those who knew about this love. He made himself known as the risen Lord, only to a handful of his close friends. There is probably no event in human history that has had such importance, while remaining, at the same time, so unspectacular. The world didn't notice it; only those few to whom Jesus had chosen to show himself, and whom he wanted to send out to announce God's love to the world just as he had done. Henri Nouwen in *Our Greatest Gift: A Meditation on Dying and Caring*

The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world in which God has the last word. On Friday night it appeared as if evil were the master of life. The holiest and most lovable One who had ever lived was dead and in His tomb, crucified by the order of a tyrant without either scruples or regrets. He who had raised the highest hopes among men had died by the most shameful means. A cross, two nails, a jeering mob of debauched souls, and a quick thrust of a spear had ended it all. Those hours when His voice was stilled and His hands were quiet were the blackest through which the race has ever lived. If Caesar could put an end to Jesus, then no man could ever dare aspire or hope again. Hope, in such a world, could be nothing better than a mockery. Then came Easter morning and the glorious word: "He is risen!" And evil's triumph was at an end. Since that hour when Mary in the garden first discovered the staggering fact of victory, no man whose heart was pure and whose labors were honest has ever had reason to fear or despair if he believed in the Resurrection. Paul Hovey

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST - APRIL 21, 2019

Heavenly Father, I give You praise for You are holy. Thank You for hearing each of my prayers. As Psalm 5:3 says, "In the morning, Lord, You hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before You and wait expectantly."

I am grateful for my church family and ask You to bless the lives of Arturo & Graciela Cacho, Jesus & Patricia Cacho, Reggie & Rhonda Calloway, Gabe & Elizabeth Canales, Randy & Valerie Cardoza, and Bob & Maureen Carlson.

Please bless those celebrating birthdays this week: David Brown (4/22), Bob Sousa (4/24), Jose Villa, Colton DePonte (4/26), and Mia Vizcaino (4/27).

I pray for the Mexico mission team and all they are doing this week, April 22-27.

Please help Dee Wilkey's dad recover from spinal surgery he had on 4/18.

I pray for Adam Vizcaino's mom who was near death last week but is improving.

Please raise up people who can help next school year in the Good News Club.

I lift up Kat McGinnis and family as they prepare for her mom's service on 4/27.

Please help Luke Robinson and Faith Robinson find jobs in the Phoenix and LA areas after they graduate from college in the next month.

I pray for Nereida Gonzalez and her mother who fell and broke her wrist last week and is dealing with other health problems.

I lift up the Murillo family as their 2 girls continue to recover from their injuries.

I pray for those with cancer: Wendy Montgomery, Raymond Borba (friends of Pikes), Cecilio Mendez (Synphony Reedy's uncle), Scott Stone (Lisa Barkman's brother), Marianne Magaña (Pastor Jose's daughter), Gladys Schroer (Jeff Schroer's mom), Bob Sousa, Robert Mizerak (Josh Mizerak's dad), Theresa Felipe (Barbara Beardasley's cousin), and Esteban Andre (son of Tiffany Pike's friend).

Please bless the pregnancies of Cynthia McGinty (due in May), Theresa Fast (due in July), Mercedes DePonte (due in July), and Graciela Cacho (due in August).

I lift up this week's Calvary kids in Jr. High & High School: Avery & Bonnie Hayes, Andrew Lucke, Riley McCord, Julie & Kellie McGinnis, Mark Mejia, Ella Petersen, Ethan Robinson, Ashley & Jessica Trujillo, Roger Vargas, Jose Villa, Erin Walker, Brady Wylie.

I pray for Josh McGinnis to finish well this semester of college and that he will be able to balance everything going on in life.

Thank You for Calvary's partnership with ministries and missionaries in our area, the US and around the world. Please bless Bruce & Liz Leary as they minister to inmates through Kairos Prison Ministry.

I pray for the health and encouragement of shut-ins Ines Walker and Betty Wells. I also lift up any caregivers they have and ask You would bless their lives.

Please protect and encourage Andrew Sweeten as he serves in the Air Force.

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done, Lord. Amen.