

Easter

There Is Hope For Your _____. LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

The message of Easter offers hope in the mundane and the messy.

Key Scriptures

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, and when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightening stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Luke 24:1-12

If a man can predict his own death and resurrection, and pull it off, I just go with whatever that man says. – Andy Stanley

Key Points

- The stone wasn't rolled away to let Jesus out, but to let hope in.
- If Jesus defeated death, then hope is the most reasonable response.
- Hope in anything other than Jesus will disappoint you. Every single time.

Start talking.

- What are the mundane things of life that seem to rob you of hope?
- How have the messy seasons of life impacted your faith and your view of hope?
- Has there been a time when the mundane and the messy have collided?

Start thinking.

- Read Luke 24:1-12. What had the previous 48 hours been like for the women?
- What were the women expecting to find at the site of the tomb?
- It says, "they remembered his words." Which of the words of Jesus would have jumped out to them in that moment?
- What had the previous 48 hours been like for Peter?
- Why did he get up and run to the tomb?

Start sharing.

- Which of the characters in the story do you connect with? Why?
- How would you have responded if you were one of the women, or one of the disciples?
- Why does it matter that the tomb was empty and Jesus was raised from the dead?
- How do you find hope in the Easter story?

Start doing.

- What is a practical way you can invite Jesus into your mundane any/or messy?
- Who can you share your hope through Jesus with?

Closing prayer.

Jesus thank you for rolling away the stone and defeating death. Help me to experience the truth of your resurrection in my day to day life. Help me experience hope in both the mundane and the messy. To you be all glory and praise!