

“Love Changes Everything—Our Hope”

Love Changes Everything — Part 2

John 19 and 20

1. God has given us a living hope.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade...

1 Peter 1:3-9

2. When Jesus died, it seemed all hope was lost.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:28-30

Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus, asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb...they laid Jesus there.

John 19:38-42 (NLT)

3. The resurrection promise.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

***“The cross and the empty tomb are God’s receipts
telling us our debt has been paid.”***

Warren Wiersbe

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:11-13

4. The vital importance of the resurrection.

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NLT)

5. Love changes everything.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The realization of the resurrection in John 20:

- “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” (v.2)
- Peter and John—“saw the strips of linen lying there as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head.” (vv.6-7)
- Mary Magdalene meets Jesus and holds on to his feet. She is told by Jesus to go tell the disciples. “I have seen the Lord.” (vv.16-18)
- “On the evening of the first day of the week, when the disciples were together...Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.” (vv.19-20)
- The disciples tell Thomas, “We have seen the Lord!” Thomas refuses to believe unless he sees the and touches the nail marks and puts his hand into His side. (vv.24-25)
- A week later Thomas is with the disciples and Jesus came and stood among them. Jesus tells Thomas to “Put your finger here, see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, My Lord and my God!” (vv.26-28)

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

**What about your faith?
What do you believe?
Have you come to the realization that
Jesus died and rose again for you?**

6. The resurrection and you.

For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Corinthians 15:52-54 (NLT)

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with

men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Revelation 21:3-5