

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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Date:

“The Vindication of Hope”

Easter Sunday 2020
Luke 24:1-12 and Selected

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:5

I. Hope was _____ when Jesus died on the cross.

“Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!’ And having said this He breathed His last.”

Luke 23:46

John the Baptist: “And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” John 1:34

Andrew: “We have found the Messiah.” John 1:41

Woman at the Well: “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” John 4:29

II. Hope was _____ when Jesus was placed in the grave.

“This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.” Luke 23:52-53

III. Hope was _____ when Jesus was raised from the dead!

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Vs. 5

Empty tombs are fuel for a _____ hope.
See Vs. 1-3

“Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Peter 1:3

See Habakkuk 3:17-19

- Angelic messengers are a rebuke to a _____ hope.
“While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.’ And they remembered His words.” Vs. 4-8

- Bold witnesses are evidence of an _____ hope.
“...and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.” Vs. 9

- Unbelief is the kindling of a _____ hope!
“...but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.” Vs. 10-12

Peter said: “Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.” Acts 2:22-24

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9