

# HOPE WINS

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*“Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.”  
(Mark 16:12–13, NLT)*

## Luke 24:13–21 (NLT)

*<sup>13</sup> That same day two of Jesus’ followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. <sup>16</sup> But God kept them from recognizing him.*

*<sup>17</sup> He asked them, “What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?”*

*They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, “You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days.”*

*<sup>19</sup> “What things?” Jesus asked.*

*“The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth,” they said. “He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. <sup>21</sup> We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.*

## Why We Lose Hope

1. We look at our past and feel **DISCOURAGED**.

*“Can you ever change and do what’s right? Can people change the color of their skin, or can a leopard remove its spots? If so, then maybe you can change and learn to do right.”  
(Jeremiah 13:23, CEV)*

2. We look at our power and feel **DESPAIR**.

*“...no hope of help anywhere was in sight.” (2 Kings 14:26, The Message)*

3. We look at our problems and feel **DEPRESSED**.

*“My heart is broken. Depression haunts my days.” (Job 30:16, The Living Bible)*

## WHERE CAN I FIND HOPE?

*“...And this is the secret: Christ in your hearts is your only hope....”  
(Colossians 1:27, The Living Bible)*

**HOPE HAS A NAME  
AND  
HIS NAME IS JESUS!**

## **HOW JESUS GIVES ME HOPE**

### **1. BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, MY PAST IS FORGIVEN.**

*“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” (Romans 3:23, NLT)*

*“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6, NIV)*

*“Yes, the old system...never made anyone really right with God. But now we have a far better hope, for Christ makes us acceptable to God, and now we may draw near to him.” (Hebrews 7:18–19, The Living Bible)*

*“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,” (1 Peter 1:3, NIV)*

### **2. BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, I HAVE POWER FOR LIVING.**

*“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13, NLT)*

*“...We pray for God’s power to help you do all the good things that you hope to do and that your faith makes you want to do.” (2 Thessalonians 1:11, CEV)*

### **3. BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, I HAVE A HOME PREPARED FOR ME IN HEAVEN.**

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:1–6, NIV)*

*“We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure, and goes through the curtain of the heavenly temple into the inner sanctuary.” (Hebrews 6:19, GNB)*

**ACTION STEP:**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Base Online!*

*“And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you.” (Psalm 39:7, NLT)*