

## **EASTER**

A Place to Find Hope

### **Hope Shows Up in a Place of Grief.**

*"Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?' 'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.'*

*At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?' Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.' (And) Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher')."*

John 20:11-16

*"Cast all your anxieties on the Lord because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5"7*

### **Hope Shows up in a Place of Fear.**

*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."*

*When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.*

Luke 24:36-43

## **Hope Shows up in a Place of Doubt.**

*“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”*

*John 20:25*

*A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “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!”*

*Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*

*John 20:26-29*