

# “iHope”

Friday Saturday Sunday

Beginning Middle End

Death Burial Resurrection

Distress Darkness Deliverance

It's Friday... But Sunday's a **Coming**!!

Luke 23:53-54 NLT

Then he took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a long sheet of linen cloth and laid it in a new tomb that had been carved out of rock. This was done late on Friday afternoon, the day of preparation, as the **Sabbath** was about to begin.

Past Present Future

Failure in Your Past

Challenging Circumstances of the Present

Fear of the Future

Luke 24:1-7 NLT

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus.

As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground.

Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! **He is risen from the dead!** Remember what he told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the **third day.**”

John 8:12 NLT

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the **light of the world**. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the **light that leads to life.**”

Luke 24:13-16 NLT

That **same day** two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened.

As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from **recognizing** him.

Face Blindness or **Prosopagnosia**

John 8:32 NLT

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Luke 24:17-20 NLT

He asked them, “What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?”

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. 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.”

“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. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him.

Luke 24:21 NLT

**We had hoped** he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

Luke 24:25-27 NLT

Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?”

Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

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Luke 24:30-31 NLT

As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he **broke it** and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

Luke 24:33-34 NLT

And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, who said, “The Lord has really risen!

Some **thing**      Someone

1 Peter 1:3 NIV

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.

Hope for a **new identity**

Hope for a **new attitude**

Hope *for-ever*

God is for **YOU**

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a **future**.

Romans 8:28 NLT

And we know that God causes **everything** to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:31 NLT

If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

God has plans for a **future**

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Revelation 21:3-4 NLT

I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

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