

SERIES: Seeing Jesus

TITLE: Living Hope

TEXT: Luke 24

The 2020 Question:

Where would we be at the end of 2020 if we fixed our eyes first and foremost on Jesus – every hour, every day – in a way that allowed Him to capture our hearts more than any competing vision?

Today's Focus:

Jesus is always perfectly working according to His Word

Just because you can't see Jesus doesn't mean He's not there

Just because you don't experience Jesus according to your expectation doesn't mean He's not working perfectly according to His Word

Jesus longs to open our eyes to see that He has died for our sin, risen, and is coming again

FOR FURTHER ACTION AND REFLECTION:

- Read Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53
- Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:58 and Philippians 4:13
- Listen to "Living Hope" by Phil Wickham - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w>
- Listen to "Forever" by Kari Jobe - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huFra1mnIVE>
- Listen to "Jesus Is" by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZP9IihtLII>
- Watch Sight & Sound Theater's production of "Jesus" for free - <https://watch.tbn.org/sight-sound-theatres-presents-jesus>
- Watch "Why do we believe in the resurrection" with Lee Strobel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTBuxSNcseU>
- Watch the movie "Case for Christ"

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What are some things that are different for you this Easter? What are some things that are still the same?!
3. What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you today?
4. Luke 24:14 says the two disciples on the road to Emmaus were "talking with each other about everything that had happened." What do you think they were talking about? And how?
5. It's fascinating how Jesus comes alongside of these disciples without revealing himself right away to them. In your own words, summarize what you think He was trying to teach them through this encounter.
6. We looked at Genesis 3:15, Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, and Psalm 118:22-24 – all of which predict the work of Christ. What prophecy stands out the most to you – one of these, or another? Which one is most impressive to you and why?
7. Read verses 28-29. Why do you think Jesus acts "as if he were going farther"?
8. Share an example of when you learned to rely on God's Word over your own experience.
9. If Jesus were to come alongside of you in disguise today, what might He learn about the thoughts of your heart? And what might He want to say to you?
10. Read Ephesians 1:15-23 and pray for the eyes of the hearts of one another and our world to be enlightened today.