



Easter Sunday: From Hopeless to Hopeful

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Miraculous Life

Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. Acts 2:22 (NIV)

Meaningful Death

This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. Acts 2:23 (NIV)

Magnificent Resurrection

But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. David said about Him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, You will not let Your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence." Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it." Acts 2:24-32 (NIV)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your current level of “hope in God”? In what ways are you possibly putting trust in circumstances or events, rather than the work of God?
2. How does Christ being the fulfilment of so many prophecies help you to trust Him on a daily basis? Is there a specific truth about Christ that can help stabilise your faith daily?