

## New Life Christian Fellowship

1. Sometimes life seems hopeless. Today I want to share the hope of God's Good News.

Jesus' followers lost hope when Jesus was killed. They watched him being whipped and nailed to a cross, thinking: "Is this our God? Why doesn't he do something!!" They hid in a locked room. Fear had replaced faith. They had forgotten God's promises.

Three women went to embalm Jesus' body, they too had lost hope. But the tomb was empty. Two men in gleaming clothes appeared saying: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " (The Bible Luke 24:5-8) Then they remembered. They began to hope again. This hope spread. Fear turned into faith.

The Bible has many accounts of Jesus being alive. He spoke, ate and talked with his followers. They saw his scars and remembered God's promises: "by his wounds we are healed." This is God's Good News.

Things may seem hopeless. Everything here will not last forever, but there is one who can give you hope. He has the power to set you free from hurts, fear and wrongs. But you have to start to trust him.

Jesus is the hope of the world. He is perfect. He sacrificed himself so we could be made clean enough to be one with him. Taking our punishment on the cross he was not defeated; it was then that he conquered all evil. Now he lives in heaven.

Soon he will come back to claim the victory. Will you be ready to join him?

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