

EASTER

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Cynicism is an inclination to question whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile.

Cynicism starts when expectations crash into reality.

Cynicism doesn't happen because we don't care, it starts because we do.

Cynicism projects past disappointments onto new situations.

Jesus wants us to trust Him in the gap of uncertainty.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. - Proverbs 3:5-6

Easter demonstrates how we can trust Jesus even when we didn't see it coming.

But the story sounded like nonsense to the men, so they didn't believe it. - Luke 24:11

Hope doesn't have the power to save us, but it does lead us to investigate.

Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. - Luke 24:12

Where was Jesus?

"What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. - Luke 24:19-21

You don't have to know that God is working in your life for Him to work in your life!

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" - Luke 24:25-26

Our spiritual journey starts with where we are but the destination depends on us.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. - Luke 24:28

Grace meets us where we are but loves us too much to leave us there.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and He disappeared from their sight. - Luke 24:31

Hope leads us to believe!

They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" - Luke 24:32

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." - Luke 24:33-34

What is Jesus saying to us today?

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." - John 10:27

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. - John 14:6

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. - Philippians 3:10-11