

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

April 5, 2026

“Easter Sunday - There Is Hope”

Scripture Text (NIV)
Luke 24:1-12



1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. The Easter holiday holds many religious and secular traditions for Christians around the world.
 - What traditions have been part of your observance of Easter?
 - Which one(s) do you find most meaningful?
3. **Read Luke 24:1-8.**

On the Sunday morning after Jesus’ crucifixion, several women went to the tomb to anoint his body.

 - As you visualize this scene, what details stand out for you? Why?
 - Why might the women initially have not “remembered his (Jesus’) words” as they made their way to the tomb?
4. **Read Luke 24:9-10.**
 - Why is it significant that the first witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection were women?
 - How is this consistent with how Jesus interacted with women during his ministry of teaching and healing?
5. **Read Luke 24:11.**

The disciples’ reaction to the women’s resurrection news was that their words were “nonsense.”

 - Why has marginalizing the voices of women persisted throughout history in many places and contexts? Even in modern times?
 - In what ways has this part of the resurrection story provided a “blueprint” for gender equality for the church moving forward?
6. **Read Luke 24:12.**
 - How is Peter’s running to the tomb the physical embodiment of hope?
 - What does it mean to you to “practice” hope? What can it look like?
 - Which of these thoughts on hope do you find meaningful and why?
 - “Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all” - Emily Dickinson
 - “Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing.” - Frederick Buechner
 - Hope is the movement toward possibility.
7. How can we pray for you?