

Three days of HOPE

WE NEED TO HOLD ON TO HOPE:

1. The day everything goes dark

³³ When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabaktanei?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

MARK 15:33-34 NASB

⁶ But I am a worm and not a person, A disgrace of mankind and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me deride me; They sneer, they shake their heads, saying, ⁸ Turn him over to the Lord; let Him save him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.

PSALM 22:6-8 NASB

¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them, And they cast lots for my clothing.

PSALM 22:16-18 NASB

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2. The day nothing happens

⁵⁴ It was a preparation day, and a Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵ Now the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ And then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

LUKE 23:54-56 NASB

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3. The day we receive good news

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in gleaming clothing; ⁵ and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why are you seeking the living One among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saying that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise from the dead.” ⁸ And they remembered His words, ⁹ and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now these women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe the women. ¹² Nevertheless, Peter got up and ran to the tomb; and when he stooped and looked in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

LUKE 24:1-12 NASB