

HOPE OF EAS⁺ER

A Story of Redemption

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

-John 20:31



Doubting Thomas

– John 20:24-31



Doubting Thomas

John 20:19-23

- Locked doors – Jesus appears
- Fear-confusion-peace-joy
- Given their role
- Holy Spirit



Doubting Thomas

John 20:24-25

- Thomas wasn't there
- Wanted physical proof
- "I will not believe."



Doubting Thomas

John 20:26-28

- One week later
- Jesus gave physical proof
- “My Lord and my God.”



Doubting Thomas

John 20:29-31

- “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
- Goal is that we believe



Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing



Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

- Redirects us into the Spiritual world



Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

-Galatians 5:16

Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

“And Elisha prayed, ‘O Lord, open his eyes so he may see.’ Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

-2 Kings 6:17

Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

-Colossians 3:1-2

Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

- Redirects us into the Spiritual world
- Tests our hearts



Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

“My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.”

-Psalm 84:2

Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

-Jeremiah 29:13

Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

- Redirects us into the Spiritual world
- Tests our hearts
- Glory to God



Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;
to search out a matter is the glory of kings.”

-Proverbs 25:2

Blessing Of Believing Without Seeing

“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

-2 Corinthians 3:18

God Will Walk Us Through Our Unbelief



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- Physical world can confirm the Spiritual



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“If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah and listen to what they are saying. Afterward, you will be encouraged to attack the camp.”

-Judges 7:10-11

God Will Walk Us Through Our Unbelief

- Physical world can confirm the Spiritual
- Knows our weakness; Wants our best



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“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.”

-Psalm 103:14

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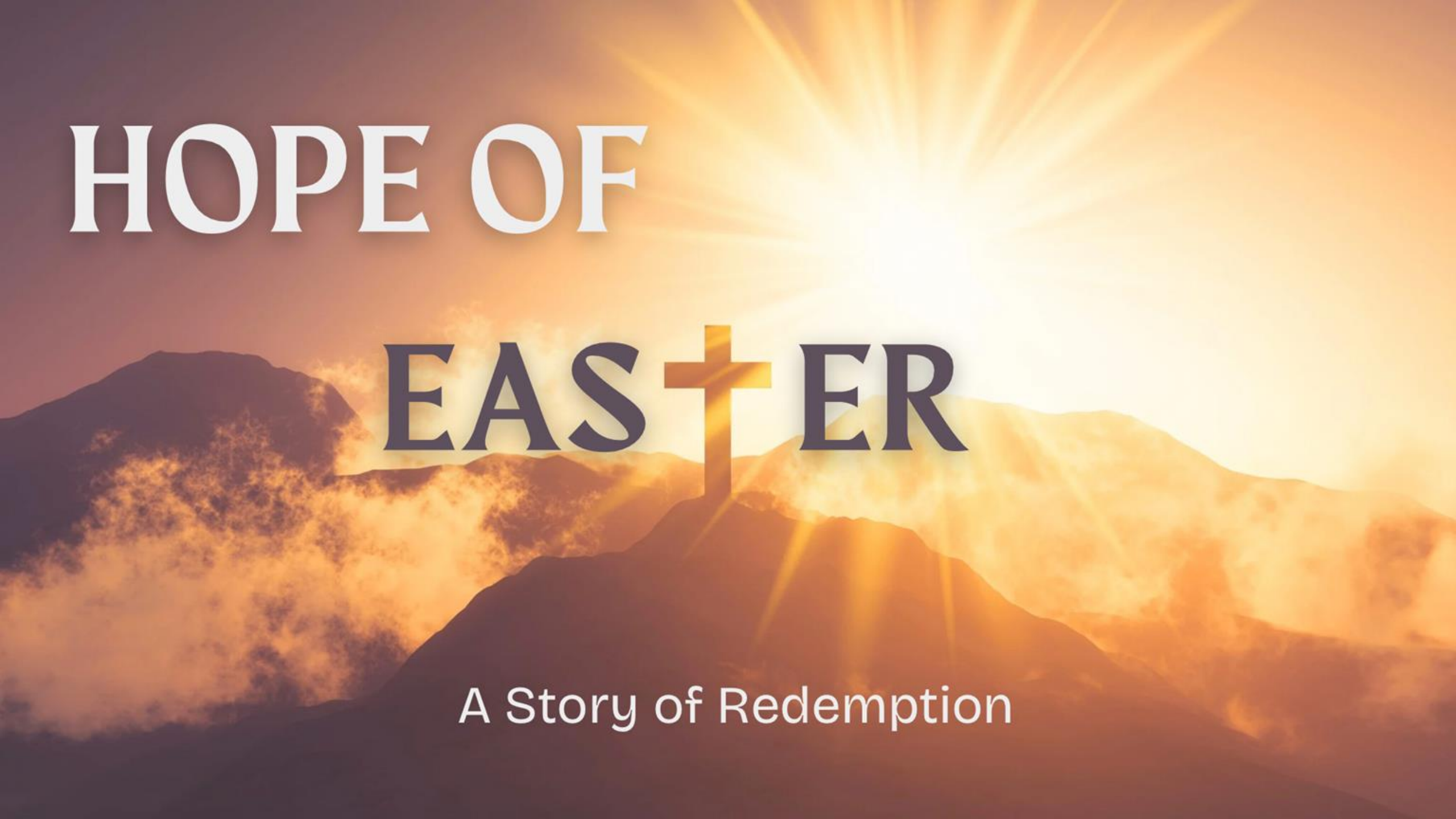
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- Knows our weakness; Wants our best
- Come, honest and willing



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“If you can?” said Jesus. ‘Everything is possible for him who believes.’ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, ‘I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief.’”

-Mark 9:23-24



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