♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, April 21, 2019

"THE HOPE OF EASTER"

(Luke 23:50-24:8)

Welcome to Easter Sunday! You may have come in today starved for hope. God may seem silent and the problems insurmountable. That's the way it felt on Saturday before that first Easter Sunday. What can we learn when God is silent and what hope does the Risen Christ bring?

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"How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?" (Psalm 13:1, CSB).

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"He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross" (Colossians 2:14, NLT).

2. My present problems can be ______

"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead" (Ephesians 1:19-20, NLT).

3. My future can be ______

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(Kathy – This will begin sermon Part 2)

1. My past can be forgiven.

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2. My present problems can be managed.

"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead" (Ephesians 1:19-20, NLT).

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13, NLT).

3. My future can be secure.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6, CSB).

"This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent —Jesus Christ" (John 17:3, CSB).

"The 'right time' is now. Today is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2, NLT).