

**Series** - Open Topic  
**Topic** - Easter Service

**Date** - 12 April 2020  
**Speaker** - Ps. Jeremy Seaward

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## WELCOME [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

[Ice Breakers 1](#)

[Ice Breakers 2](#)

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## WORSHIP [15 min]

You may select songs like

1. Forever
2. Living Hope
3. Worthy is the Lamb

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## WORD [45 min]

### **Spiritual Objectives**

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Know the significance of Easter for all of mankind.
2. Desire to live out of the hope of Easter

### **Sermon Summary**

The following are the key points of the sermon:

1. Our expectations in life must not be based on our reality but on the reality of the cross and the resurrection.
2. Because of Easter, there is hope for the hurting, the sick, the lost and we can have hope for eternity.

### **Sermon Recap (Full Summary)**

#### *Introduction*

- Our lives are governed by expectations – we either lift our expectations to match our reality, or we lower our expectations to match our reality.
- Easter represents hope – it is an expectation of God-given good things that will come into our life in the future.

Passage: Luke 24:1-12

- The disciple's expectations died when they saw Jesus crucified.

- When they went to the tomb, they expected to see a dead and defeated Christ. Their expectations were low.
- But everything changed with these 3 words uttered by the angel – “He is Risen!”.
- The resurrection of Christ has brought hope to mankind.
- Likewise, our expectations in life can be lifted, especially during this season of lockdown, because of the resurrection of Christ!

*What Has the Resurrection of Christ Done for Us? (Isaiah 53:4-6)*

1. Hope for the Hurting
  - “Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering...” (vs. 4)
  - Christ has taken away our weakness, our sorrows.
  - There is restoration for broken lives because of the resurrection.
2. Hope for Sick
  - “...by his wounds we are healed.” (vs. 5)
  - There is healing promised to those who are sick.
3. Hope for the Lost
  - “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (vs. 6)
  - There is hope for those who are feeling lost.
  - Because of Jesus’s resurrection, we now have a name that we can call on when we are lost. And, there is hope when we call on His name.
4. Hope for All Eternity
  - “...the punishment that brought us peace was on Him...” (vs. 5)
  - One day in the future when Christ returns, the dead in Him will rise and we will be with the Father in heaven for all eternity. This is our glorious hope as believers for all eternity.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **We have just gone through our first week of circuit-breaker. Share with the cell how your first week has been.**
2. **What is your relationship with the meaning of Easter? Is it significant in your life? Is it a truth that has gone cold in your life? Or is it one that continually brings you to a place of gratefulness for all that God has done?**
3. **Ps. Jeremy Seaward shared 4 implications of Easter – there is hope for the hurting, for the sick for those who are lost, and there is hope for eternity. Which of these implications mean the most to you during this Circuit-Breaker and why? Also, in light of this implication, how then will you live your life?**

## WORKS [10 min]

### Let's continue to pray for the COVID-19 situation:

1. For healing to come to those who are infected.
  2. For protection for those at the frontlines.
  3. For the foreign workers in our midst – that they will be protected and provided for during this season.
  4. For families to grow stronger through this season.
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. Bible Reading (Nehemiah and 1 Peter)

Beginning 20 April, we will be embarking on a Bible Reading Plan as a church so that we can grow deeper in His Word together. Look out for more details in the coming week.

#### **Church Vision**

“A radiant disciple-making church catalysing Kingdom transformation in our communities and the nations.”

#### **Mission**

We exist to make disciples who behold Christ and reveal Him.