

Hope When Things Seem Hopeless

John 20:1-29

***“...I lay down My life so that I may take it again...I have authority to lay it down,
and I have authority to take it up again.”***

(John 10:17, 18)

He Lives! by Alfred H. Ackley

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today.

I know that He is living, Whatever men may say.

I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;

And just the time I need Him He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart.



- ***Job 7:6-9***
- ***Hebrews 11:1***
- ***Romans 8:24, 25***

Hope has risen!

- ***John 20:1-9 (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12)***
 - ***Luke 24:1***
 - ***Mark 16:6, 7*** “...He has risen; He is not here...”
 - ***John 10:17, 18***

Jesus appears to many of His disciples:

- ✓ Mary Magdalene at the tomb (*Mark 16:9; John 20:11-18*)
- ✓ To the women on the road (*Matthew 28:9, 10*)
- ✓ To the disciples on the road to Emmaus (*Luke 24:13-32*)
- ✓ To Peter (*Luke 24:34*)
- ✓ To 10 of the 11 disciples, Thomas absent (*Luke 24:36-43; Mark 16:14; John 20:19-25*)
- ✓ Then, 8 days later, to all 11 disciples, Thomas present this time (*John 20:26-31*)
- ✓ To 7 disciples by the shore of the Sea of Galilee (*John 21:1-25*)
- ✓ To more than 500 disciples (*1 Corinthians 15:6*)
- ✓ To James (*1 Corinthians 15:7*)
- ✓ To the apostles when He ascended into heaven (*Acts 1:3-11*)
- ✓ Then Jesus appeared to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus (*1 Corinthians 15:8*)

Hope when things seem hopeless.

- **John 20:10-18**

“Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father...” (v.17)

Acts 1:3 (*1 Corinthians 15:5-8*)

*‘To these He also **presented Himself** _____ after His suffering,*

***by many convincing** _____, appearing to them over a period of _____ days
and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.’*

- ✓ Jesus entered a locked room (*John 20:19*)
- ✓ Showed His crucifixion wounds (*Luke 24:39, 40*)
- ✓ Jesus also ate and drank with the disciples (*Luke 24:41-43*)

- **John 20:19-29**

“...Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.” (v.29)

1 Peter 1:8

*“whom **having not seen** you love. Though now **you do not see Him,**
yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,”*

Romans 15:13

*“Now may **the God of** _____ fill you with all _____ and _____ in believing,
so that you will **abound in hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*