



Easter

Jesus is Alive!

Responses of the first disciples

- **‘wondering’ v 3**
- **‘frightened’ v5**
- **‘remembered’ v 8**
- **‘didn’t believe’ v11**
- **‘wondering’ v12**



“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”

v7





HOPE

To hope means to look forward expectantly for God's future activity. The ground of hope is God's past activity in Jesus Christ.





Looking back to look forward



- 1. Hope for resurrection.**
- 2. The coming fullness of God's kingdom**



Looking back to look forward

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26



Anticipating more to come!

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22



Now and Not Yet - Christlikeness

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

1 John 3:2-3



Now and Not Yet – Pilgrims

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.



Now and Not Yet – Pilgrims

People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one.



Now and Not Yet – Pilgrims

Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:13-16

