

Five Reasons Christians Have Hope

I Corinthians 15:19; I Peter 3:15 (KJV)

I. He Is RISEN—Matthew 28:6

“He is not here; he has risen”

A. The **Validation** by the Appearances

1. To a Woman—John 20:10-16
(First person to see the resurrected Lord was Mary Magdalene)
2. To Two Ordinary People—Luke 24:13-35
3. To Despairing Peter—Mark 16:7
4. To Ten Fearful Disciples—John 20:19-20
5. To Doubting Thomas—John 20:24-28

B. The **Application** to Us

1. Takes the Fear Out of Dying
2. Takes the Fear Out of Living

II. He Is LORD—Romans 10:9

A. **Hints** of His Lordship (His Words and His Works)

B. **Proof** of His Lordship (Resurrection)

(Lord in: Heaven, History, Hades, Heart)

III. He Is HERE—John 14:16,18

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you”

A. **Historically**—Acts 2—Day of Pentecost

B. **Personally**—Romans 8:9—Day of Salvation

IV. He Is THERE—Hebrews 9:24

“now to appear in the presence of God for us”

A. **Where** Is Jesus Now?—Colossians 3:1

“... on the right hand of God”

B. **What** Is He Doing?—Hebrews 7:25

“... he ever lives to make intercession . . .”

V. He Is COMING—Titus 2:13

“... looking for that blessed hope . . . the glorious appearing of . . . Jesus Christ”

A. We do not know the **date**—Mark 13:32 (KJV)

B. We do know the **fact**—John 14:3

“I will come again.”