

# **Hope In Resurrection**

# Without Hope

- It was a LOOONG Weekend for the disciples!
- Jesus, the HOPE of the world, was gone!
- They had no HOPE because they had no FAITH!
- They didn't know the Scriptures
- They didn't Listen to Jesus
- They didn't believe the testimonies
- They didn't believe the evidence
- How about us? Where is our HOPE placed today?
- God Specializes in Resurrection!!

# A World Without Hope

- China's 'petro-yuan': The end of the dollar hegemony?
- Russia, in spy rift, expels 59 diplomats from 23 countries
- Israel prepares for weeks of military and international tension
- Iran Is Ready To Attack Israel
- How the U.S. lost the war in Syria to Russia and Iran
- Hunger eats away at Venezuela's soul as its people struggle to survive
- Problems in all African Countries

# Hope

- How long can we live without Hope?
- Dostoevsky said, To live without hope is to cease to live.
- Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a Known God! – Corrie Ten Boom
- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for ... Heb.11:1
- Today we celebrate the source of Hope.
- Isaiah 4:2 – Context – 2:1- 4:1
- Isaiah 11:1 – Assyrian Invasion – Isa.8
- Isaiah 52:13-53:12 – OT Gospel – Babylonian Conquest

# Pictures of Resurrection

- Branch Prophecies are pictures of resurrection
- Abraham – old and childless; Gen 17:24
- Joseph – 13 years in prison; Gen. 41:46
- Moses – 40 years learning 40 years relearning
- Exodus – Why let slaves go?
- Red Sea – Trapped by the sea shore; Ex.14:17

# Pictures of Resurrection

- Gideon, David, Hezekiah - Isa.37
- A Valley of dry bones – Ezk.37 Can these bones live?
- Daniel and company - Dan.3 and 6
- Jonah and the conversion of Nineveh
- The ministry of Jesus – The deaf hear, the blind see, the lame walk, the dead live, the possessed freed – Lk.4:18

# Pictures of Resurrection

- The resurrection of Jesus – John 20
  - "The devil, darkness, and death may swagger and boast, the pangs of life will sting for a while longer, but don't worry; the forces of evil are breathing their last. Not to worry...He is risen!" - Chuck Swindoll
- The Conversion of Paul – Acts 9
- The Conversion of the Roman Empire
- The Conversion of Osoyoos
- The defeat of the Anti-Christ – Matt.24:21
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus – Matt.24:30

# Principles of Hope

- Hope is based on Faith that the Person, Promises and Power of God are sure.
- Hope perseveres even though God's timing is rarely our timing. Heb.11:13
- It is through resurrections, the glory of God is best shown. In Dark moments, God's Glory shines brightest.
- "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13 (NLT)