

**Daily Reflection on Scripture**  
**Week of April 16**  
**Easter Hope**



Each day slowly read the scripture a couple of times. Close your eyes and be with it for a moment in silence. How did it speak to you?

**Sunday, April 16, 2017**

*Matthew 28:6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen.*

**Sacred Pause:** Easter gives us hope. Hope means there is nothing that can separate us from God's unconditional love as seen in the risen Christ.

**Monday, April 17, 2017**

*Romans 6:9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.*

**Sacred Pause:** Easter reminds us that the compassion, forgiveness and service of Jesus will never die. Easter gives us hope for both today and the future.

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

*Romans 6:4 ...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

**Sacred Pause:** Jesus' resurrection is a foretaste of our dying and coming to new life. The old has passed away; the new brings a life of renewed hope.

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

*Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

**Sacred Pause:** Resurrection is for this life as much as it is for the next. Through acts of compassion, forgiveness and service we live with Easter hope.

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

*1 Corinthians 6:14 God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.*

**Sacred Pause:** The resurrection of Jesus points to our own possibilities for new life. That is the constant hope that Easter offers.

**Friday, April 21, 2017**

*1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

**Sacred Pause:** Hope is not wishful thinking or rhetoric. It is God's reality for a new way of seeing, thinking and being that can change everything.

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

*Colossians 3:1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above.*

**Sacred Pause:** Easter hope gives us a different way to see life. Because of Easter we can look at life with the new possibilities that can overcome defeat.

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