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## sermon overview

**Prayer:** Jesus, on this Easter day I ask you to remind me once again that what you accomplished on the cross is sufficient to help me overcome anything in my life. Give me hope in your resurrection, and I thank you for your sacrifice. Bring to life all the dead places in me, and restore my hope.

**Main Scriptural Text:** 1 Peter 1:3

**Supplemental Scriptural Text:** Romans 6:5-7 | Romans 8:11 | Luke 24:6-7 | John 11:25-26 | 2 Timothy 2:11 | Romans 5:3-7  
John 24:5b-7

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**Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**Opener:** Begin the message with the lights in the worship room. In the center of the stage have a single candle burning. Begin by telling the congregation about a time when you held out little hope for something. Segue into the hope that the disciples had in Jesus Christ being the Messiah. As the candle burns, recount the final days of Jesus' life. Begin in the Upper Room and follow the events until Jesus is on the cross and finally breathes his last. At this final point, blow out the candle. Slowly express the kinds of feelings the followers of Jesus must have had upon his death. As Jesus life was extinguished, so was the hope that he was the one who had come from God.

**Point 1: Hope keeps us from accepting things as they are**

Romans 5:3-7

Life is full of disappointments. We are given every excuse in the book to lose hope when things don't go our way. When Jesus died on the cross the disciples lost hope because their Messiah had lost his life for the cause, and it seemed too much to keep up the fight. They had accepted the way things were. They had given up. The book of Romans tells us that in the face of hard times we must persevere because perseverance builds hope. When it seemed like the darkest hour, Jesus was prepared to introduce hope. Jesus went to the cross, not because he was defeated, but because he wanted to win us back from the grip of sin and death. This death was the demonstration of the love of God. This was God's way of not accepting things as they were, but going to great lengths to change things.