

Sunday, April 12th, 2026
Sermon Series: "Living Hope."
"Hope and Doubt." *John 20.19-31.*
(Easter)

The Hope that is Alive

Hope: "A feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen." (Oxford Dictionary)

Biblical Hope: "An inner strength and endurance that flows from the soul because the soul is anchored in Jesus Christ...His *person, promises* and *power*."

The *Journey* of Faith (and Doubt)

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John 20.25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never **believe**."

πιστεῶ (pisteuō): "Confidence" "Trustworthiness"

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John 20.26-27 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not **disbelieve**, but **believe**."

γίνομαι (ginomai): "Come to exist" "Be" πιστεῶ (pisteuō): "Confidence" "Trustworthiness"

Proverbs 3.5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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John 20.28-29 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20.30-31 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by **believing** you may have life in his name.

(Answers: Stuck. Seek. Surrender).