



## How to find REAL hope today:

1. Accept \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus rose from the dead and is alive! (33-43)

### Evidences for Jesus' resurrection:

- (1) The Bible records the Resurrection, and the gospel accounts meet all the standards of reliable history.
  - Eyewitnesses
  - Consistency—within each account and among all the witnesses
  - Corroboration—surrounding evidence must be consistent (e.g., empty tomb)
  - Accuracy—is our present account an accurate rendition of the original eyewitness account?

Comparison of the New Testament Manuscripts with other Ancient Literature:			
Person	Lived (Wrote)	Earliest Copy	# Copies
Caesar ( <i>The Gallic Wars</i> )	100-44 B.C.	A.D. 900	10
Homer ( <i>The Iliad, The Odyssey</i> )	900 B.C.	A.D. 1400	643
Plato (Greek philosopher)	427-347 B.C.	A.D. 940	7
New Testament	A.D. 40-100	A.D. 130	5,000+

- (2) There is an empty tomb in Jerusalem.
- (3) Take only the “core facts”:
  - Jesus died.
  - The disciples were in a state of despair.
  - Eyewitnesses reported that Jesus was raised.
  - The disciples were willing to sacrifice everything for Christ.
  - Paul was converted and became a missionary.

2. Embrace both the message about Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ (44-47).

3. Give hope to others as you \_\_\_\_\_ (47-49).

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some similarities and differences between our current situation in the world and the situation the people in Luke 24 were facing?
2. What did you learn about Jesus in the sermon that causes you to want to worship Him?
3. What is one specific way you hope, with God's help, to put this message into practice?