

Proof That Jesus Is Your Hope

Acts 26:22-23

1. Jesus is your hope because it is He who suffered as promised.
2. Jesus is your hope because it is He who rose from the dead as promised.
3. Jesus is your hope because it is He who gives light to the world as promised.

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A silhouette of a cross on a hill against a sunset background. The cross is positioned on the right side of the image, atop a dark, rounded hill. The background consists of a gradient of colors from blue at the top to orange and red at the bottom, suggesting a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The overall scene is peaceful and spiritual.

Paul's Point?

Christianity is not a
new religion; Jesus is
the Messiah of the
Old Testament.



What did the Old Testament say?

Acts 26:23

**...the Messiah (Christ) would
be subject to suffering...**



Where does it say this?



Isaiah 53

- 3 He was despised and forsaken of men,
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with
grief; And like one from whom men hide
their face, He was despised, and we did
not esteem Him.
- 4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore,
And our sorrows He carried; Yet we
ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten
of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53

- 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him...
- 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted...
- 8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away...



Paul's conclusion?

Jesus is your hope
because it is He who
suffered as promised.



Acts 3:18

But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets--that His Messiah should suffer--*Jesus* has thus fulfilled.



How did Jesus suffer?

He suffered physical fatigue.

He suffered emotional strain.

He suffered physical want.

He suffered significant loss.

He suffered as one misunderstood.

He suffered as one ignored.

He suffered personal attacks.

He suffered the anticipation of death.

He suffered crucifixion.

He suffered the wrath of God.

But WHY did Jesus suffer?

Isaiah 53:6

All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the LORD has caused the
punishment of us all to fall on Him.



**Do you see that
you've turned to
your own way?**



What did the Old Testament say?

Acts 26:23

**...He would be first to rise
from the dead...**



Where does it say this?



Psalm 16:9-10

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. For You will not abandon my soul to the grave; Neither will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.



Hosea 6:1-2

Come, let us return to the LORD.
For He has torn us, but He will heal us;
He has wounded us, but He will bandage us.
He will revive us after two days;
He will raise us up on the third day
That we may live before Him.



Paul's conclusion?

Jesus is your hope
because it is He who rose
from the dead as
promised.



1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures...



1 Corinthians 15:5-8

He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than 500 brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all...He appeared to me also.



But why is the resurrection essential?

1 Corinthians 15:17

**...if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is worthless;
you are still in your sins.**



Jesus' resurrection proves
that sin was defeated
because it is sin that
brings death.



**Do you believe that
Jesus is alive?**



What did the Old Testament say?

Acts 26:23

...He would proclaim light
both to the Jewish people
and to the Gentiles.



Where does it say this?



Isaiah 9:2

The people who walk in darkness
will see a great light;
those who live in a dark land,
the light will shine on them.



Isaiah 49:6

He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light for the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."



Paul's conclusion?

Jesus is your hope
because it is He who
gives you light as
promised.



John 8:12

Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**I am the light of the world;** he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."



2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.



Jesus **is** the light, and He is offering life to you saying,
“Come, take my hand.
Follow me.”



Are you following Him?

