

THE THIRD DAY

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God raised him from the dead on the third day.

Acts 10:40

"Hope for" vs. "Hope in"

(The story of the Philistines capturing the ark of the covenant)

1 Samuel chapters 4-6

Come, let us return to the Lord... After two days, He will revive us. On the third day, He will restore us that we may live in His presence.

Hosea 6:1-2

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son.

John 1:14

Steps To Faith In God

- I acknowledge I need a Savior, and need to turn away from doing wrong.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

- I believe in my heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and that Jesus paid the full penalty for my sins.

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy." Titus 3:5

- I surrender control of my life to Jesus.

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." Romans 10:9-10

- I accept that God has done for me and in me what He promised.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

Here's a Suggested Prayer:

"God, I know that I have sinned against you and am deserving of punishment. But Jesus Christ took the punishment that I deserve so that through faith in Him I could be forgiven. With your help, I place my trust in You for salvation. Thank You for Your wonderful grace and forgiveness - the gift of eternal life! Amen!"

**All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*