**Easter 2016: Rock Solid Hope**

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***Romans 1:3-4***

*In his earthly life Jesus was born into King David’s family line,* ***4****and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**1.** The resurrection of Jesus welcomes examination.

***Acts 26:8***

*Why does it seem incredible to any of you that God can raise the dead?*

***Acts 26:26***

*“…this has not been done in a corner.”*

**IMAGE OF TOMB WITH STONE MOVED**

**http://boernechurchofchrist.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/empty\_tomb2.jpg**

**ELVIS SIGHTINGS IMAGE**

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**2.** The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of forgiveness.

***Romans 4:25***

*Jesus was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God*

**3.** The resurrection means that Jesus cannot be taken lightly.

***Ephesians 1:19-21***

*This is the same mighty power* ***20****that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.* ***21****Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.*

***Romans 10:9-10***

***9****If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* ***10****For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

**4.** The resurrection is the reason for our hope.

***1 Peter 1:3-5***

***3****Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,* ***4****to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,* ***5****who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*