



Hope Rising

1. Easter brings us HOPE today by demonstrating that God can cause even the most awful situations to have a glorious outcome.

Unexpected Benefits from Going Through the Coronavirus Crisis:

- A. *Greater Appreciation* of things we used to pretty much take for granted
- B. *Deeper Connection* with our actual neighbors
- C. *More Compassion and Care* for our healthcare community and first responders
- D. *Increased Learning*
- E. *Enhanced Personal Hygiene Habits*

God can turn it around!

2. Easter also brings us HOPE by showing us that God has supplied the absolute best antidote for humanity's worst fear

Hebrews 2:14 (NLT) *Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.*

I Corinthians 15:17 ... *If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹And if our hope in Christ is only for this life [if there is no resurrection life beyond the grave], we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. ²⁰But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.*

Jesus is ALIVE!