


“The Third-day is a Very Good Day” **I Corinthians 15:1-4**

Intro:

Two kinds of hope:

- The **first** is a kind of hope *where we are hoping for something.*
- The **second** kind of hope is a kind of hope *where you're putting your hope in some-one.*

 **I Corinthians 15:1-3** is a third-day story, *and third-day stories are full of hope.*

There is a pattern to these stories...

1st day –

2nd day –

3rd day –

The people of God, in Jesus' day were raised on these kinds of stories. The fact is, they were *their* stories.

Examples:

I Samuel 5 and 6:

Esther:

- Other examples of third day stories include Jonah and Joseph

Jesus:

- *According to the Scriptures – the third-day is a really good day! Because it's God's day, bringing with it lots of hope.*

The third day is the Lord's Day...

It means that we are now third-day people. It's not just this concept of a third-day story; *it's **who we are**.* It's the root of why we hope. Here's why we have hope – because of the Lord's Day.

So get your hopes up Church, because we are third-day people! And the third-day belongs to God – ***and so do you***. So sing, and dance, and laugh for joy.