

**'But What If ...?'**  
Luke 24:36b-48  
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Last night Mr. Potato Head got home just in time to kiss Polly and Haman before bed. He was at a meeting at church with Mr. Mawakasunga and Mr. Konde and The SCS Teacher and Pastor Glenn and Pastor Ed and a bunch of other people. They are working on some really exciting ideas on a planning committee.

"Well, well, well!" said Mr. Potato Head. "What have you done today that was interesting?"

"Oh!" said Polly. "I played with Elizabeth. She and I were outside cause it was like summer time! We planned to go swimming some time cause we are friends. Maybe we can go tomorrow?"

"Well, I think it is not summer time just yet, but we HOPE summer will come soon."

"But what if it is ALWAYS cold and rainy?" said Haman. "What if we can never go to play miniature golf on City Island? What if the school playground is always too muddy?" Haman seemed to have NO hope. "What if . . ."

"Don't worry so much Haman!" said Polly interrupting. "The sun will come out again. Just keep hoping! God always makes the sun come out sometime!"



"But what if He doesn't? What if God is tired of making the sun shine? What if he just turns out the sun and forgets us?"

"Well, well, well son. That will never happen. God has promised us that He will always send sunshine. Just not every day. God has promised us a future with HOPE. And God ALWAYS keeps His promises!"

Polly said: "I hope that it will be warm and sunny later this week, don't you Haman?"

"But I want it to be warm and sunny RIGHT NOW!!" shouted Haman.

But guess what Haman. It doesn't work that way. We don't get everything we want right now. If we did, then we would never learn to HOPE. HOPE comes when we wait and work for what is good and right.

In today's Bible lesson, Jesus's friends were afraid to HOPE that Jesus was really, really alive again after He died on the cross. But when Jesus Himself showed them his hands and his feet, where the marks of the nails still showed, they believed it was really Him. Their HOPE was renewed and they went out to do the work of spreading the Good News to others!

I am glad that Polly is a wonderful little girl who has enough HOPE to encourage Haman to have HOPE too. Each of US are called to have HOPE also. THE END