

# EASTER

## HOLY WEEK: EASTER

Welcome to our 24th anniversary of New Hope Central Oahu! 24 years ago, we started out in humble beginnings at Wahiawa Middle School and now we are back in Wahiawa. For many years, we were a multi campus church, in Mililani, Haleiwa and Wahiawa. We still have property in Mililani Mauka and we hope that we can eventually build on that property to have at least two locations.

Speaking about locations, I researched the reasons people go to church, especially for Easter. Here are the top reasons,

1. **Having family, friends and people you can relate to in the church**, especially in Hawaii as it's all about connections, who you know: Many of you first timers, are here because someone forced to come. I hope you are glad you are here! Even if it took some small kine arm twisting. No raise your hands. But that's not you right, right. Turn to the person next to you and tell them, that's not you.
2. **Location**: How many of you are from Wahiawa? How many from the NS? How many from Mililani? Dass why we are open to going back to the NS if God opens the doors again. And we surely hope we can get back to Mililani Mauka as well.
3. **Style of service**: Part of it is the music! Did you enjoy your worship experience today? We all like concerts, don't we! But we wanna rock out for Jesus every weekend!
4. **Feeling the aloha**, welcomed by leaders: I hope you felt da aloha when you came to church today? You felt like WE wanted you here? How was your welcome?
5. **Get something good fo my kids?** If your keiki is with us, they are having a great time at our Eggstravaganza across the street!
6. I found this interesting as the top reason, **Quality of the sermons** (if the message is meaningful/relevant can you relate to the message, is it engaging, you feel like the pastor is speaking to you, not at you), is the most important. So I'll do my best today, and if I gotta speak speak da local braddah braddah kine Hawaii pidgin fo catch your attention, I no goin hold back.

But why you are here? Some of you have honestly said, I tried religion, but neva change nothing. Today, I hope something happens to you today because religion fails, but the reality of Jesus living in his power today, shouldn't fail us. How many of you would agree that that same power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power that can do da same in all areas of our lives today? How many of you believe in that?

That same power that raised Jesus back from the grave can he raise my marriage up again? That same power, can it to heal my physical ailment? Some of you need inner healing of some stuff you've been hurt from in the past.